

COVID-19 GUIDANCE FOR CAMPGROUNDS

When camping, visitors should follow these recommendations:

1. **Plan ahead.** When you are able, make reservations and purchase permits, firewood, ice and other items online or by phone before you arrive on site. Cash-less and minimal-contact transactions are becoming a common operating procedure in many establishments to avoid lines and person-to-person interactions. This will help protect you, other visitors, and staff.
2. **Be self-sufficient.** Be prepared to be as self-contained and self-sufficient as possible. For example, arrive prepared with your own soap, surface disinfectant supplies, hand sanitizer, paper towels/hand towels and toilet paper just to be sure.
3. **Socially distance yourself.** To ensure that social distancing can be maintained, it is best to set up your campsite—sleeping, campfire and eating areas—to maximize distance from adjacent campsites that host people from different households.
4. **Recreate with your household.** Restrict use of your individual campsite/campfire to only those in your immediate household.
5. **Know before you go.** Be prepared for lower levels of service and public contact. Plan ahead for your visit. Ensure that you have maps of the area downloaded or printed before you leave home, in case they are not available on site. Many programs and facilities will be canceled or closed, so check online resources for updated information about rules changes and closures so you know what to expect when you arrive.
6. **Follow the rules.** Follow all campground rules and instructions, whether given in writing or verbally, that protect your safety and the safety of others. These rules and instructions will likely include facility-specific direction about things such as:
 - Wearing face masks in public settings, such as within bathrooms, shelters, and ranger stations and around kiosks.
 - Observing cleaning protocols for self-service facilities and amenities before and after using them.
 - Leaving furniture, such as picnic tables and chairs, as you find them—they were likely appropriately spaced by the campground operator to encourage social distancing.
 - Restricting use of your individual campsite/campfire to only those in your immediate household.
 - Following directional signage – e.g., wait your turn and capacity limits – that will promote social distancing in buildings, at overlooks, and around other confining spaces.
7. **Be well informed.** Continue to consult MDH Guidelines for up-to-date information on keeping yourself and your family healthy at: www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/index.html
Visit the Minnesota DNR website for up-to-date Outdoor Recreation Guidelines at: www.dnr.state.mn.us/aboutdnr/covid-19-outdoor-recreation-guidelines.html