

Phase One Reopening Guidance

Sector: Outdoor Recreation

Specific Guidance for Outdoor Recreation Organizations:

Outdoor recreation organizations are required to:

- Prior to reopening after extended closure, ensure all parks and facilities are ready to operate and that all equipment is in good condition after the extended closure, according to any applicable maintenance and operations manuals and standard operating procedures.
- Prohibit parties from congregating in parking lots for periods longer than reasonable to retrieve/return gear and enter/exit vehicles.
- Reinforce the importance of maintaining at least six (6) feet of physical distance between parties (a group of 10 or fewer people) that arrived at the site together) on hiking trails, beaches and boat ramps through signage and education.
- Keep day-use areas that are prone to attracting crowds (including but not limited to playgrounds, picnic shelters, water parks and pools) and overnight use areas closed.
- Thoroughly clean restroom facilities at least twice daily and assure adequate sanitary supplies (soap, toilet paper, hand sanitizer) throughout the day. Restroom facilities that cannot be cleaned twice daily should be kept closed.
- Frequently clean and disinfect work areas, high-traffic areas, and commonly touched surfaces in both public and non-public areas of parks and facilities.
- Post clear signage (available at healthoregon.org/coronavirus) listing COVID-19 symptoms, asking employees and visitors with symptoms to stay home and who to contact if they need assistance.
- Keep any common areas such as picnic areas, day-use shelters, and buildings open to the public arranged so there is at least six (6) feet of physical distance between parties (chairs, benches, tables). Post clear signage to reinforce physical distancing requirements between visitors of different parties.

To the extent possible, outdoor recreation agencies should:

- Consider closing alternating parking spots to facilitate at least six (6) feet of physical distance between parties.

- Consider opening loop trails in a one-way direction to minimize close contact between hikers. Designate one-way walking routes to attractions if feasible.
- Encourage all employees and visitors to wear cloth face coverings when around others.
- Encourage the public to visit parks and recreation areas close to home, avoid overnight trips and not travel outside their immediate area (beyond 50 miles from home) for recreation. Visitors should bring their own food and hygiene supplies, as well as take their trash with them when they leave.
- Encourage the public to recreate with their own household members rather than with those in their extended social circles.
- Encourage the public to recreate safely and avoid traveling to or recreating in areas where it is difficult to maintain at least six feet from others not in their party.
- Position staff to monitor physical distancing requirements, ensure groups are no larger than 10 people, and provide education and encouragement to visitors to support adherence.
- Provide handwashing stations or hand sanitizer in common areas such as picnic areas, day-use shelters, and buildings open to the public.
- Consider placing clear plastic or glass barriers in front of cashiers or visitor center counters, or in other places where maintaining six (6) feet of physical distance between employees and visitors is more difficult.
- Review and implement [General Employer Guidance](#), as applicable.

Additional Resources:

- OHA Guidance for the General Public
- OHA General Guidance for Employers
- [CDC's Guidance for Administrators in Parks and Recreational Facilities](#)