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## **Owners and Operators of Campgrounds:**

### **Re: Ontario Regulation 82/20 (Shutdown) and Operation of Campground**

The Province of Ontario has revised [Ontario Regulation 82/20](#) (shutdown) with changes affecting campgrounds.

First, it is important to emphasize the **Stay at Home Order and that individuals are therefore expected to stay home**. However, the Order does allow individuals to go to a secondary residence; specifically to do necessary maintenance. The Shutdown Regulation indicates seasonal permit holders may go to their trailer for a **maximum of 24 hours only to do necessary maintenance** or they may go to their seasonal trailer for a **minimum of 14 days**.

See further explanation as follows:

Due to the increased transmissibility and severity of COVID-19 variants, a [Stay at Home Order](#) has been issued by the Province. This means **individuals must stay at home** except for essential reasons. Examples of such necessary activities include going to work or school, to shop for groceries, attend a medical appointment, to walk outdoors, or to provide assistance to someone else. As well, it is permissible to go from your principle residence to another residence with **specific conditions**:

- [Ontario Regulation 82/20 \(Shutdown\)](#), Schedule 2, Section #26 states that individuals who are in need of housing or have a seasonal contract with the campground (full-season) are permitted to visit their trailer. Such sites must be provided with electricity, water service, and facilities for sewage disposal.  
Note that all recreational facilities and shared facilities in the campground, other than washrooms and showers, must be closed. As well, other areas of the seasonal campground must be closed to the general public and must only be opened for the purpose of preparing the seasonal campground for reopening.
- Ontario Regulation 82/20, Schedule 2, Section #35 states that "Maintenance, repair and property management services that manage and maintain the safety, security, sanitation and operation of institutional, commercial, industrial and residential properties and buildings" are permitted.
- Item #19 of the Stay at Home Order states that it is permissible to travel to another residence if, "the individual intends to be **at the residence for less than 24 hours and is attending for one of the purposes set out in this Order**. Once such example is found in Item #7 of the Stay at Home Order which states "Obtaining goods, obtaining services, or **performing such activities as are necessary** for landscaping, gardening and the safe operation, **maintenance** and sanitation of households, businesses, means of transportation **or other places**." Remember, these activities may be **done only if**

**they are essential** and then seasonal permit holder may stay at the site for up to 24 hours to complete these tasks.

- Item #19 also states that, it is permissible to travel to another residence if “the individual intends to **reside at the residence for at least 14 days**” meaning you may stay at another residence, such as your trailer that has a seasonal permit, for 14 consecutive days or more.

The regulations are silent on frequency suggesting multiple visits are permitted. However, duration of the stay at each residential location before returning to the other location would apply. **Please remember then, visits by a seasonal permit holder are for up to 24 hours to do maintenance only or for a minimum of 14 days.**

#### **Schedule 4 – Section 1 (Gathering Limits)**

Indoor and outdoor gatherings are not permitted. Due to the Stay at Home Order you cannot have a campfire or gathering with anyone outside your immediate household. Residents who live alone may gather exclusively with one other household.

#### **General Compliance**

The following general compliance requirements are noted in Schedule 1:

- Regular cleaning of high touch areas.
- Passive screening signage at all entrances.
- Active screening of all persons before entering facility.
- Record name and phone number of every person entering the facility and maintain for a period of 30 days.
- Wear face covering in any indoor public area where 2 metres physical distancing cannot be maintained; unless they are exempt from wearing a face covering.
- Maintain 2 metres from every other person that is not a member of their household. Where this is not possible, patrons must wear a face covering that covers their nose, mouth and chin.
- No gatherings indoors.
- Post safety plan in conspicuous location.
- Locker room, showers, or a change room these must remain closed (except as they provide access to washrooms or first aid)

#### **Regulatory Excerpts**

##### [Ontario Regulation 265/21 \(Stay at Home Order\)](#)

##### **Schedule 1**

Requirement to remain in residence

1.(1) **Every individual shall remain at the residence at which they are currently residing** at all times unless leaving their residence is necessary for one or more of the following purposes:

19. Travelling to another residence of the individual if,
  - i. **the individual intends to be at the residence for less than 24 hours** and is attending for one of the purposes set out in this Order, or
  - ii. the individual intends to **reside at the residence for at least 14 days.**

[O. Regulation 82/20 \(Shutdown Zone\) Schedule 2](#)

**26.** (1) Seasonal campgrounds that meet the following conditions:

1. Campsites must be made available only for trailers and recreational vehicles that,
  - i. are used by individuals who are in **need of housing**, or
  - ii. are permitted to be there by the terms of a **full season contract**.
2. Only campsites with electricity, water service and facilities for sewage disposal may be provided for use.
3. All recreational facilities in the campground and all other shared facilities in the campground, other than washrooms and showers, must be closed.
4. Other areas of the seasonal campground must be closed to the general public and must only be opened for the purpose of preparing the seasonal campground for reopening.

Sincerely,

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