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## Campgrounds

The New York State phased reopening plan can be accessed at <https://forward.ny.gov>

This plan includes detailed information for businesses and industries, providing a framework for each region of the state to follow as restrictions are relaxed and people begin to return to work and recreation in greater numbers.

Per the *NY Forward: A Guide to Reopening New York & Building Back Better*<sup>2</sup> book, regions will adhere to a data-driven, phased, coordinated approach that is rooted in public health principle and strategy. We can progress forward through the phases as we continue to demonstrate our ability to meet the 7 metrics that establish that:

- The infection rate is sufficiently low;
- The health care system has the capacity to absorb a potential resurgence in new cases;
- Diagnostic testing capacity is sufficiently high to detect and isolate new cases; and
- Robust contact-tracing capacity is in place to help prevent the spread of the virus.

Per this plan, overnight camping (daily or weekly rentals) falls under Phase 4: Recreation. Questions by businesses about this plan can be directed to the regional office for the North Country: [ncnyf@esd.ny.gov](mailto:ncnyf@esd.ny.gov).

Seasonal camps, which are trailers or self-contained units with their own wash and sanitary capabilities, are allowed as they fall under essential lodging or other accommodations that will that are there for at least 14 days.

- Pools and beaches are not allowed to open, including pools and beaches at a campground or temporary residence. As part of New York State's novel coronavirus (COVID-19) response, permitted facility owners/operators must follow all applicable COVID-19 guidance at <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home> and <https://esd.ny.gov/>, in addition to complying with all NYS permit conditions and requirements. Please continue to monitor these websites to ensure that your facility is operating in compliance with these important social distancing directives, which are designed to prevent the spread of this virus.
- Bathhouses for self-contained campgrounds are permitted to open with social distancing and enhanced cleaning must take place, but may be closed but must be maintained and available in case of emergency.

Sincerely,

Shaun Gilliland, Chairman  
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