

# GUIDANCE FOR HUNTING AND FISHING LODGES, CAMPS AND OUTFITTERS

## Overview

Under current Chief Medical Officer of Health Orders, businesses and entities are required to:

- implement practices to minimize the risk of transmission of infection among attendees;
- provide procedures for rapid response if an attendee develops symptoms of illness;
- ensure that attendees maintain high levels of sanitation and personal hygiene; and
- comply, to the extent possible, with the [COVID-19 General Relaunch Guidance](#), this guidance, and any other applicable Alberta Health guidance found at: <https://www.alberta.ca/biz-connect.aspx>.

This document has been developed to support hunting and fishing lodges, camps and outfitters in reducing the risk of transmission of COVID-19 among attendees (including workers, volunteers, clients and the general public). The guidance provided outlines public health and infection prevention control measures, specific to these settings.

In Stage 2, with 2 metres of distance maintained between members of different households (with the exception of [cohort families](#)), the following capacity restrictions apply:

- A **maximum of 200 spectators** are permitted for **outdoor seated/audience** events/settings;
- A **maximum of 100 individuals for outdoor events**, including attendees, staff and volunteers;
- A **maximum of 100 spectators for maximum for indoor seated/audience** events/settings; and
- A **maximum of 50 individuals for indoor social gatherings**, including attendees, staff and volunteers.

This document and the guidance within it is subject to change and will be updated as needed. Current information related to COVID-19 can be found at: <https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-information.aspx>.

## COVID-19 Risk Mitigation

<b>General Guidance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There are no capacity limits for these settings, as long as there is a distance of at least 2 metres or appropriate barriers between members of different households (with the exception of cohort families).<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Follow gatherings limits for indoor/outdoor events or seated/audience settings</li></ul></li><li>• Encourage and facilitate attendees to stay up to date with developments related to <a href="#">COVID-19</a>.</li><li>• Notify attendees of the steps being taken to prevent the risk of transmission, and the importance of their roles in these measures.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ COVID-19 signage should be posted in highly visible locations:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ “Help prevent the spread” posters are <a href="#">available</a>.</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ When possible, provide necessary information in languages that are preferred by attendees.</li> <li>• Encourage attendees to download the <a href="#">ABTraceTogether</a> app to help let them know if they've been exposed to COVID-19</li> <li>• All Albertans must follow CMOH Order 05-2020, which establishes legal requirements for quarantine and isolation.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19; with a history of international travel in the last 14 days; or with close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days must remain at home.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Operators should develop a plan to provide isolation for an attendee if needed.</li> </ul> <p>To support public health contact tracing efforts in the event that an attendee tests positive, operators should collect the names and contact information of attendees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing information is voluntary for attendees. An organization must obtain an individual's consent and notify them about the purpose and legal authority for the collection.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Any personal information that is collected for COVID-19 contact tracing can only be used for this purpose</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Information about attendees will only be requested by Alberta Health Services if a potential exposure occurs onsite.</li> <li>• For businesses/workplaces, this includes staff, workers and volunteers on shift. Where feasible to do so, and particularly for personal services and group events, it should also include clients/customers/the general public.</li> <li>• Records should only be kept for 2 weeks. An organization must make reasonable security arrangements to protect the personal information.</li> <li>• For more information, the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner has released <a href="#">Pandemic FAQ: Customer Lists</a> about collecting customer lists or contact logs during the COVID-19 pandemic.</li> <li>• Public and non-profit organizations that have questions about their Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (FOIP) obligations, and private sector operators that have questions about their <i>Personal Information Protection Act</i> (PIPA) obligations can contact the FOIP-PIPA Help Desk by phone at 780-427-5848.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Screening &amp; Response Plan</b></p>	<p>Operators should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post <a href="#">signs</a> that instruct those who may have been exposed to COVID-19 to not enter.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider implementing active screening of clients (where applicable), staff and volunteers for symptoms of fever, sore throat, cough, runny nose or difficulty breathing.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Operators may choose to use <a href="#">Alberta Health Daily Checklist</a>.</li> <li>○ Attendees can use the Alberta Health Services <a href="#">COVID-19 Self-Assessment tool</a>.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>A rapid response plan sets out a fast-action plan for operators when an attendee shows symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operators should develop a plan that includes appropriate policies and procedures based on the type of attendees specific to their services and settings.</li> <li>• Attendees should be familiar with and follow the operator’s rapid response plan if an attendee starts feeling symptoms during a shift. This should include:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Immediately isolating the attendee from others.</li> <li>○ Cleaning and disinfecting all surfaces that may have come into contact with the symptomatic attendee.</li> <li>○ Requiring hand hygiene and masking of the attendee.</li> <li>○ A plan for evacuating the clients from the site if it is remote, has limited amenities, or is not suitable for isolation.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The attendee must isolate as soon as possible.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Booking and Administration</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement online and telephone booking systems, where possible.</li> <li>• Advise clients upon booking and registration that they must not travel or attend the fishing camp if they are sick or have COVID-19-like symptoms, or have travelled internationally in the last 14 days.</li> <li>• The number of clients should not exceed the number of individuals that can maintain effective physical distancing (2 metres) and/or be protected through another means (e.g. plastic barriers, masks) at all times.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Individuals in the same household or family cohort are not required to maintain physical distancing.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Encourage staff to avoid touching personal items of clients such as luggage, and to wash hands or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer often.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Accommodations</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer to the <a href="#">Guidance for Hotels, Motels, Bed &amp; Breakfasts and Vacation Rentals</a>.</li> <li>• Individuals may share accommodation (lodging) rooms and facilities (bathrooms) only if they are from the same household or cohort family.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ In circumstances where only shared facilities exist, operators should remind clients to wash their hands before and after use.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Consider reducing the level of housekeeping for any clients at this time to minimize the time staff spend in client’s spaces.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fully clean and disinfect surfaces in rooms after check out. Launder all reusable sheets, linens and other blankets. Refer to the <a href="#">General Relaunch Guidance</a> for more information on cleaning rooms.</li> <li>No employees should enter the room of a client who is isolating or who has symptoms of COVID-19.</li> </ul>
<b>Food Service</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operators are required to follow the <a href="#">Food Regulation</a> and <a href="#">Food Retail and Foodservices Code</a> and existing occupational health and safety requirements.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operators should also follow the <a href="#">COVID-19 General Relaunch Guidance</a> and the <a href="#">Guidance for Restaurants, Cafe's, Pubs and Bars</a>.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Buffets and self service options may only be offered if facilitated and overseen by a commercial caterer who holds a food handling permit in accordance with the Guidance for Restaurant, Cafés, Pubs and Bars.</li> <li>If in alignment with operator policies, attendees may bring their own food and beverages. Food and beverages should not be shared between households.</li> </ul>
<b>Equipment, Rentals, Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wherever possible, clients should be encouraged to bring and use their own sporting equipment.</li> <li>The sharing of equipment between clients who are not in the same household or cohort family should not be allowed.</li> <li>Assign rental equipment to individuals or groups from the same household for the duration of their stay, such as boats, ATVs, tree stands, etc.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rented equipment must be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected between users.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Use masks or other protective equipment for staff and clients when they will be in close proximity to one another (e.g. on the boat, when netting fish for clients, sharing blinds or tree stands, etc.).</li> <li>Individual or group instruction must only be conducted with appropriate distancing and gathering restrictions in place.</li> </ul>
<b>Common Spaces</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Activities in shared spaces also require physical distancing of at least 2 metres; consider physical barriers or other measures if this distance cannot be maintained.</li> <li>Any group recreational activities or facilities (e.g. fire pits) should be limited to capacities that can maintain adequate physical distancing between individuals or groups of the same households.</li> <li>Indoor fitness centres, along with pools, whirlpools and waterslides, should follow <a href="#">sector-specific public health guidance</a>.</li> <li>Activities in common spaces should not include the sharing of common equipment, unless the individuals are from the same</li> </ul>

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	<p>household.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limit congregating with other people when going to and from common areas.</li> <li>• Make hand-washing stations and/or hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol available for clients.</li> </ul> <p>Operators should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop and implement procedures for increasing the frequency of cleaning and disinfecting of high traffic areas, common areas, public washrooms and showering facilities.</li> <li>• Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces as per AHS' <a href="#">Public Health Guidelines for Environmental Cleaning of Public Facilities during Respiratory Illnesses in the Community</a>.</li> </ul>
<b>Workplace</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operators are responsible to ensure interventions are in place to prevent COVID-19 transmission:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Operators should follow measures set out in the <a href="#">General Relaunch Guidance</a>.</li> <li>○ Particular attention should be paid to the cleaning and disinfecting of common-touch surfaces.</li> <li>○ The operator should determine the need for, and install/maintain, any necessary physical barriers or dividers.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Post signage throughout the facility that outlines measures being taken to reduce the transmission of COVID-19.</li> <li>• If portable bathrooms are used, they should include hand sanitizer stations or foot-activated hand washing stations (with soap and paper towels) adjacent to the units.</li> <li>• Each operator must have a detailed plan for isolation of clients and staff should they develop symptoms while at the camp.</li> <li>• Operators should have a plan to transport sick individuals out of the camp without exposing other to risk of infection, using appropriate protection for both staff and other clients.</li> </ul>
<b>Staff and Volunteers</b>	<p>Operators should ensure staff and volunteers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are trained on physical distancing, hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, cleaning and disinfecting, and any updated policies or procedures related to preventing transmission of COVID-19.</li> <li>• Have access to hand sanitizer or hand washing stations, as required.</li> <li>• Are permitted to wear non-medical face masks if preferred, even if a mask is not necessary for the work they are performing. Guidance is available online.</li> <li>• Stagger staff arrival and departure times, lunch times, breaks and meetings to reduce the number of workers in one place at a given time.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Designate lockers and storage spaces to individual staff.</li><li>• Encourage staff to launder uniforms between shifts as appropriate.</li><li>• Continue to follow existing occupational health and safety (OHS) requirements.</li><li>• OHS questions and concerns can be directed to the OHS Contact Centre by telephone at 1-866-415-8690 (in Alberta) or 780-415-8690 (in Edmonton) or online.</li><li>• If staff live in facility-provided housing, develop plans regarding isolation areas for ill individuals. If staff need to be isolated, they must be provided a separate room and, if possible, bathroom.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ If the facility is not well suited for isolation (e.g. remote, restricted access, limited health care support), the operator should have a plan for safely evacuating the staff member.</li></ul></li></ul>
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