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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **El Paso County Public Health issues Notice of Determination stating all campgrounds are permitted to reopen**

El Paso County, CO – El Paso County Public Health issued a Notice of Determination stating that all local campgrounds are permitted to reopen, effective May 13.

Public Health has determined that public and private campgrounds are permitted to reopen under the provisions of Public Health Order (PHO) 20-28. They must comply with all applicable provisions of PHO 20-28, including but not limited to the following:

- Section I.C., limiting public and private gatherings to groups of no more than ten (10);
- Section I.H., stating that playgrounds, playground equipment, picnic areas, and pools remain closed and reiterating that individual recreation may occur in groups no larger than ten (10); and
- Section II.I., which sets forth required social distancing and disease mitigation protocols for all business types.

Public Health also recommends that campgrounds review the guidance for [state park campgrounds](#). Key takeaways from this campsite guidance include:

- Camping by reservation only, at reduced campsite density.
- All facilities will be cleaned and disinfected per CDC guidelines.
- Signage to be posted in prominent locations throughout parks enforcing social distancing.
- Provide educational materials enforcing social distancing.
- Visitor centers and campground offices will be minimally staffed ensuring social distancing between employees.
- Visitor centers will be closed to the public.

Campgrounds are advised to visit the [Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment's \(CDPHE\) COVID-19 website](#) frequently to remain aware of any amended public health orders or additional guidance that may be issued. They are responsible for compliance with all applicable public health requirements.

Other helpful resources for campsites include:

- [El Paso County Public Health COVID-19 cleaning guidance](#)
- [CDPHE environmental cleaning guidance for COVID-19](#)