

Questions and Answers

Summer Day Camps

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1. What kind of outdoor water play is permitted?

- Sprinklers can be used on the property of a day camp by only one cohort at a time where the water being sprayed is potable and single use (drains away/absorbed by ground after use). Staff and children must wash hands before and after outdoor play. Any toys/equipment used, must be cleaned and disinfected between each cohort.
- The use of a slip and slide is **not permitted**.

2. Can outdoor play structures be used?

- If the playground, or play structure, is openly accessible to the public, including on school grounds, its use is **not permitted** at this time.
- If the playground, or play structure, is enclosed on private property and accessible only to your day camp (not accessible to the public), its use is **permitted** if the specifications provided in the WDGPH COVID-19 Summer Day Camp Guidance must be followed, including but not limited to:
 - If play structures are to be used by more than one group, the structures can only be used by one cohort at a time and must be cleaned and disinfected before and after use by each cohort.
 - It is not practical to disinfect large playground structures. However, if operators decide to use such structures, cleaning and disinfecting efforts should focus on plastic or metal high touch surfaces where hands frequently make direct contact (e.g. grab-bars, hand railings).

3. What day camps are permitted to open?

- Day camps for children may open if they operate in a manner consistent with the document entitled “[COVID-19 Guidance: Summer Day Camps](#)”, available on the [Government of Ontario](#) website under ‘Guidance for Other Sectors’.
- Camps that provide supervised overnight accommodation for children are closed.

4. Will day camps with waterfront activities on the site of a recreational camp be required to comply with recreational camp waterfront safety requirements?

Day camps with waterfront activities are still required to satisfy the waterfront safety requirements in [Ontario Regulation 565 – Public Pools](#) under the HPPA.

5. Will day camps on the site of a recreational camp with a private well remain under the oversight of the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002*?

Yes, drinking water systems on the site of a recreational camp that may open temporarily to provide only day camp programs (i.e., no overnight) remain subject to Ontario Regulation 170/03 under the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002*. These systems are currently designed to serve children's camps (e.g. infrastructure for overnight stays – beds, etc.) and until such time as an owner undertakes physical alteration to reflect that they are only offering day camp programs (e.g. removing beds or other facilities associated with overnight stays) AND notify the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) of the change in accordance with the regulation, the regulatory status-quo is maintained.

6. What about day camps situated on a school site which has been closed?

Schools will have been closed for 3 – 4 months and plumbing may not have been flushed (i.e., to reduce lead and flush stagnant water). It is recommended, that premise plumbing water be flushed as a best practice prior to use. Contact Public Health with questions related to water flushing requirements.

7. What are the requirements for Recreational Camps that are planning to rent out their cabins to families/small groups this summer on a temporary basis?

For Stage 2, the province is permitting that hotels, motels, lodges, cabins, cottages, resorts and other short-term rental businesses may be open provided that (i) fitness centres or gyms on the premises are closed, and (ii) any communal steam rooms, saunas, whirlpools or hot tubs on the premises are closed.

Campgrounds may be open if:

- I. they keep all indoor recreational facilities in the campground closed other than pools, splash pads, spray pads and wading pools that are permitted to be open in accordance with section 19 of the Stage 2 emergency order;
- II. locker rooms, change rooms and showers must be closed except to the extent they provide access to equipment storage, a washroom or a portion of the campground that is used to provide first aid or are otherwise required for the operation of a pool, splash pad, spray pad and wading pool;
- III. any equipment that is rented or provided to campgrounds guests must be cleaned and disinfected between each use; and
- IV. The person responsible for the campground must ensure that every person using the campground is complying with any applicable restrictions on the size of social gatherings and organized public events.