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### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND DRINKING WATER BRANCH

EHDW Circular Letter #2020-40

**TO:** Municipal Chief Elected Officials  
Council of Governments' Executive Directors  
Directors of Health  
Chief Sanitarians  
Connecticut Campground Owners Association

**FROM:** Lori J. Mathieu, Branch Chief

**DATE:** May 19, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Family Campgrounds – COVID-19 Updated Guidance

This circular letter replaces EHS Circular Letters # 2020-22, # 2020-25 and # 2020-28 regarding family campgrounds, which the Department of Public Health's (DPH) Environmental Health and Drinking Water Branch issued on April 1, April 20 and April 28, 2020, respectively. The purpose of this Circular Letter is to provide updated information regarding private family campgrounds. For purposes of this circular letter, "private family campground" is a family campground other than a state campground.

On May 19, 2020, pursuant to Governor Ned Lamont's [Executive Order 7PP](#), the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) issued a [list](#) of outdoor recreation businesses permitted to reopen on May 20, 2020 pursuant to the [Sector Rules for General Business](#). The list issued by DECD includes campgrounds and states that they are subject to DPH rules. Attached hereto is DPH's rules and recommendations for private family campgrounds. A copy will also be available on [DECD's webpage](#).

Please note that DPH plans to create a technical assistance team to work with DPH's partners to assist with the implementation of DPH's rules for private family campgrounds.

Attachment

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