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EHDW Circular Letter 2020-22

TO: Directors of Health
Chief Sanitarians
Connecticut Campground Owners Association

FROM: Lori J. Mathieu
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DATE: April 1, 2020

SUBJECT: Family Campgrounds – COVID 19 Guidance

The purpose of this Circular Letter is to provide information regarding family campgrounds, many of which are scheduled to open shortly. Family campgrounds¹ are campgrounds that provide temporary living sites for use by recreational vehicles, camping trailers and other camping units.

On March 26, 2020, in response to a request for information from the Department of Public Health (DPH) regarding whether family campgrounds are classified as essential or nonessential businesses under [Executive Order 7H](#), the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) provided the following information:

1. Family campgrounds are nonessential businesses and therefore are to be closed at this time. DECD stated that state campgrounds are also closed.
2. If a family campground has individuals living in it in permanent structures, those individuals may continue to live at such campground. The family campground is, however, otherwise required to be closed to the public.

During this public health emergency, DPH recommends that everyone adhere to federal and state guidance regarding COVID-19, including [The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) “social distancing” guidance, Governor Ned Lamont’s [Executive Order 7N](#), which prohibits social and recreational gatherings of 6 or more people, and [DECD’s guidance](#) regarding “Stay Safe, Stay Home”.

¹ §19a-2a-29(b)(6) defines “family campground” to mean any location, property, parcel or tract of land under the control of any person, organization, or municipality that contains two or more camping unit sites for use by the public or members of an organization for overnight stays.



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