



PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER

For Immediate Release

April 9, 2020

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To: Campground Owners/Operators in Clark County

From: Clark County Health Department Director Brittany Mews

Subject: Delayed Opening of All Campgrounds Within Clark County Due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

In an effort to reduce the risk of community spread of COVID-19, additional mitigation measures for all campgrounds within the county's jurisdiction are necessary to prevent, suppress, and control the spread of the virus. Brittany Mews, Health Officer of the Clark County Health Department is authorized under state law to do what is reasonable and necessary for the prevention and suppression of disease and thereby has ordered that all campgrounds in Clark County follow this Public Health Order.

- Effective today April 9, 2020, all campgrounds will remain closed through May 14, 2020.
- Campgrounds will **not take new** reservations for dates prior to June 1, 2020.

The rationale for the decision to delay the opening of campgrounds in Clark County aligns with Wisconsin Governor Evers' *Emergency Order #12: Safer at Home Order* and includes the following reasons:

- Reduces non-essential travel
- Reduces shopping at local stores in our county for supplies and groceries
- Reduces drawing people from outside of our county to be in our county
- Reduces the probability for the congregating of groups greater than 9 people
- To protect the health and physical safety of campground employees
- To prevent potential exposures for staff and the public within shared toilets, laundry, and shower facilities
- To reduce the stress on law enforcement required to enforce the State's Emergency Order

Now is the time to ensure that actions are taken to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in Clark County. Community cooperation with all *Safer At Home* emergency orders in our county will reduce disease transmission and return our county to normal routines sooner, rather than later.

This Public Health Order shall expire at midnight on Thursday May 14, 2020 unless extended per the authority of the Clark County Health Department.

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