



# ULSTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Subject: Campground Permit Conditions

Dear Campground Operator:

The Ulster County Department of Health issued campground permits starting in May with permit conditions. New York State is continuing the process of re-opening and allowing more activities and businesses to operate while focusing on not triggering a renewed spread of the COVID-19 virus. In order to support these efforts and continue these precautions, the Ulster County 2020 Permit Conditions have been amended to adopt the most current acceptable conditions as defined below. However, Campgrounds are still required to continue following the guidance put forth by the New York State Department of Health and NY Forward.

Per NY Forward guidance, each business or entity, including those that have been designated as essential under Empire State Development's Essential Business Guidance, must develop a written Safety Plan outlining how its workplace will prevent the spread of COVID-19. A business may fill out this template (see the link below) to fulfill the requirement or may develop its own Safety Plan. **This plan does not need to be submitted to a state agency for approval** but must be retained on the premises of the business and must be made available to the New York State Department of Health (DOH) or local health or safety authorities in the event of an inspection.

Business owners should refer to the State's industry-specific guidance for more information on how to safely operate. For a list of regions and sectors that are authorized to re-open, as well as detailed guidance for each sector, please visit: [forward.ny.gov](https://forward.ny.gov). If your industry is not included in the posted guidance, but your business has been operating as essential, please refer to ESD's [Essential Business Guidance](#) and adhere to the guidelines within this Safety Plan. Please continue to regularly check the New York Forward site for guidance that is applicable to your business or certain parts of your business functions.

Per ESD, campgrounds must take precautions to ensure campers maintain appropriate social distancing and adhere to proper cleaning and disinfecting protocols, including but not limited to maintaining six feet of distance between campers, unless wearing an acceptable face covering, excluding persons from the same household who are camping together.

[https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/NYS\\_BusinessReopeningSafetyPlanTemplate.pdf](https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/NYS_BusinessReopeningSafetyPlanTemplate.pdf)

Continue to visit the New York State websites for the latest information and guidance:  
<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home> and <https://forward.ny.gov/>

**Website: [www.co.ulster.ny.us/health](http://www.co.ulster.ny.us/health)**

Inspections will be conducted as required as the season progresses. Please call or email with questions Denise Woodvine, Environmental Health Manager, (845)340-3019. We appreciate your patience and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carol M. Smith MD MPH". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Commissioner of Health and Mental Health