

## Information for Private Camping Groups

### New COVID Secure Private Camping Operating Notes and Risk assessment:



#### Main mitigating factors for the Private Camping Company:

- Private Camping takes place in an outdoor setting where risk of transmission is very much reduced.
- Private Camping takes place in a large open, outdoor area with plenty of room for social distancing.
- Private Camping takes place on private land, in a remote / isolated setting with no risk of transmission to other members of public or community.
- Private Camping is a private activity, with a controlled group of invited members only – all contact details are readily available.
- Private Camping takes place over a weekend – with a week in between each booking. All equipment is cleaned ready for next booking.
- Private Camping group size is limited to 30 people max

#### Main risk factors for the Private Camping Company:

- Allowing more than x2 households is against current guidelines and will inevitably introduce more risk.
- Group members / households may come from different parts of the country – so there is a risk of wide geographical spread of virus.
- Private Camping is not a supervised activity - so groups are responsible for their own safety and for maintaining social distancing guidelines.
- Group members / households generally all know each other – so temptation to break social distancing rules may be greater.

#### How we intend to operate this season:

**For groups of x2 households only** – Private Camping operates as normal – x2 households must follow social distancing guidelines as if they were visiting each others houses.

**For more than x2 households** – Private Camping will operate as follows:

#### During the booking process and before arrival:

- We will engage in a risk assessment exercise with the group organiser:
  - Government seems to be slowly passing much of the responsibility for managing the pandemic back to the general public and is asking everyone to be sensible about the risks you take in order to avoid causing further outbreaks of the COVID-19 virus.
  - We ask you to think about who you intend to invite - who might be a high risk of spreading virus – i.e. is in close contact with lots of other people ... or could spread virus to vulnerable groups – should they come on this trip?
  - As you get closer to your camping weekend – contact your guests and check that nobody has Covid symptoms, everyone is healthy etc

- You must keep a list of who is coming – names and contact details – it may be required by NHS track and trace services.
- **Organise your group into “Households”** – these should ideally be
  - People that live together
- But can also be:
  - People that already have regular contact – work together?
  - People that are coming from the same geographical location.
  - People you feel would be sensible to group together – in order reduce risk of transmission.
- **Maximum number for a household is 6 people.**
- Think about how you will travel to your camping location ... the short time spend travelling in a car has a much greater risk of transmission than a weekend of camping! – Plan who will be travelling together, don't car share with people outside your “household” group.
- Encourage all household groups to bring their own food and camping equipment – and to reduce any sharing of equipment as much as possible.
- **You must order a toilet for each household or pair of households.**

### **The Planning Guide – facilities and services to consider:**

- You should if possible order a separate toilet for each household – this will reduce risk of transmission considerably. However, if this is not possible, then ordering a separate toilet for each pair of households is permitted provided strict cleaning routines are observed in between uses.
- As mentioned already you must order a toilet for each household or pair of households – the choice of toilet type is up to you, if your budget allows ... the Portaloos may be easier to keep clean.
- Be aware that we only have a limited number of the cheaper Composting Loos – if they are all booked by other groups on your weekend dates then hiring extra Portaloos will be your only option. Be prepared for some extra costs if you want your weekend to go ahead.
- We would encourage you to hire the Hot Water Heater – so that hot water is readily available to for hand washing and cleaning. A water supply is required for the Water Heater.
- You should order a water supply so you have plenty for hand washing and cleaning – if not you must bring sufficient water with you.
- Our Weatherproof Ex Army marquee can be provided ... but as a shelter from bad weather - rather than as an “indoor” community space. Bear in mind, only x2 households should be in the Marquee at a time.

### **The Planning Guide – changes to items / services for groups of more than x2 households:**

- We cannot provide tents (Bell Tents) as shared sleeping spaces. Unless they are shared by genuine family/ household members
- We will not be providing catered meal options such as Breakfast buns, BBQ Chef or Hog Roast. Because the buffet style food service is a transmission risk.
- We will still provide - One Pot meals, Pie N Peas, BBQ packs ... or will pick up local takeaway food orders and deliver to field – for a small fee.
- We will not be organising any local cask ales or lager kegs. Because the self-service dispensing equipment is a transmission risk

- Music systems and generators – Strictly NO loud music - Only small, battery powered music systems will be permitted. Because guidelines suggest the raised voices and singing associated with loud music is a transmission risk.
- We will not be providing Garden Games activities or Sports activity packs. Because guidelines suggest these activities may increase transmission risks.

**During your Private Camping Weekend:**

- You must pitch your tents at least 2m apart.
- You can only share a tent with people you actually live with.
- You must keep the 2m social distance rule at all times from anyone that you don't actually live with.
- Household groups must avoid close social contact with other household groups as much as possible.
- Members of each household group may share certain facilities – such as their allocated toilet and use of the Marquee.
- Only x2 households should be in the marquee at a time ... more than two can use the marquee in an emergency – such as shelter from extreme weather.
- Marquee should have sides up and or windows open at all times ... except in extreme weather conditions.
- Any seating in the marquee will be positioned 2m apart – this arrangement should not be changed to provide closer seating areas.
- Household members should clean their allocated toilet -i.e. frequently touched surfaces - before and after each use. Hand washing and cleaning stations will be provided – with cleaning instructions.
- Shower tent / facilities must be cleaned between each use.
- Water supply points should be cleaned - i.e. frequently touched surfaces - before and after each use.
- If you leave your camping field during the weekend, please be mindful of local residents and communities, please follow social distancing rules in shops, pubs etc. – try not to gather in groups of more than x2 households or 6 people.

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