Are Campgrounds Going to Open May 1, 2020?

Per the “Continued Closures” portion of the Responsible Restart Ohio, recreational camps and recreational vehicle (RV) parks will remain closed at this time. Here are the 2 points of exclusion outlined in the guidance:

- Excludes people living in campground RVs with no other viable place of residence.
- Excludes people living in cabins, mobile homes, or other fixed structures that are meant for single families and where preexisting residential activity already has been established. (E.g., for people who have part-time pre-established residences at campgrounds for the summer months.)

If you have a specific question regarding a campground you reside in, please contact the owner/operator of the park.

The full list of “Continued Closures” can be found on our website ottawahealth.org as well at https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/responsible-restart-ohio/Continued-Business-Closures/
Are Hair Salons Going to Open May 1, 2020?

Per the “Continued Closures” portion of the Responsible Restart Ohio, personal appearance/ beauty services will remain closed at this time. This includes:

- Hair salons/ barber shops
- Day Spas
- Nail salons
- Tattoo parlors/ body piercing locations
- Tanning facilities
- Massage therapy facilities

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Are Pools Going to Open May 1, 2020?

Per the “Continued Closures” portion of the Responsible Restart Ohio, public or private pools and water parks (indoor and outdoor) will remain closed at this time. Pools that are designated for a single household are permitted to be open.

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Frequently Asked Question

Answers to our most frequently asked COVID 19 Questions

What are we doing about the tourists coming to our area?

We have received many phone calls regarding tourists flocking to the lake for fishing and boating. Ottawa County is the recreational heartland of Ohio, we have many amazing sights to see and activities to do. We understand this influx of people may be a frustrating and scary issue and we would like to assure you that we have taken this matter seriously. The Ottawa County Health Department as well as other community partners have had countless phone and conference calls with state officials to try to resolve this issue. We know that to many people the solution seems to be to close down access ramps, docks, marinas, and to stop the sale of fishing licenses. Unfortunately, the answer is not simple, public health does not have the authority to close down access to waterways as it is a means of transportation. The Stay at Home Order also states that marinas are considered an essential function due to transportation needs. We are bound by this order just as any other county in the state. Our partners at the Ottawa County EMA have issued a press release to encourage travelers to follow the Stay at Home Order and not travel to our area and through many calls with state officials we are hoping they will offer guidance as to how to stop this issue. We ask that you please be patient with us as we work to decrease tourism to our area and to help control the spread of the virus during this time. We love our tourists, they bring life to many aspects of our community, but for now during this public health crisis, we are asking them to plan now, visit later so we can keep our community safe!
Is it safe to still go to food service operations or the grocery store?

The Ottawa County Health Department has been working very closely with our local food service operations. Our registered sanitarians have provided informational signage for posting and in person recommendations/inspections for our local restaurants. They have given guidance for social distancing and answered many questions to help our food service employees remain safe as well our residents. Social distancing is the key to having a safe food service operation, you will notice that restaurants that have take out options and our grocery stores have designated 6-foot areas for customers to stand and wait for their food. If you notice any food service operation that is not following social distancing guidelines, please let us know so we can follow up on the issue.
How are confirmed case numbers reported?

A laboratory confirmed case is reported for the county the person resides in, not the hospital that administered the test. For example, if an Ottawa County resident is tested for COVID 19 at Toledo Hospital and the test is positive, that will be a positive case for Ottawa County, not Lucas County. If an Erie County resident is tested in Ottawa County and the test is positive, that case will be counted for Erie County, not Ottawa.
Are Campgrounds still open?

Private and public campgrounds have been closed due to the stay at home order. If a camper/ RV is the permanent residence of a person, they are permitted to access their camper. We ask that people who have a permanent residence other than their camper/ RV remain at their residence during this public health crisis.
How Do I Get Antibody Testing?

Currently there are no FDA approved antibody tests. Private organizations have been trialing new antibody tests, but ODH does not recognize these results as a positive or negative case. Each day progress is made towards creating an effective antibody test to determine if someone has been exposed to COVID-19 and if their body has created antibodies to fight the virus and the FDA is hopeful that in the future this test will be available. There are currently no facilities in Ottawa County conducting antibody test research.