

MEMORANDUM
Department of Behavioral & Community Health



DATE: April 8, 2020

TO: Owners and operators of children's camp, campgrounds,
seasonal temporary residences and seasonal communities

FROM: Anil K. Vaidian, MD, MPH, Commissioner *Anil K. Vaidian MD MPH*

RE: Children's camps, campgrounds, seasonal temporary residences, and seasonal
communities

The Department of Behavioral & Community Health continues to monitor and respond to the COVID-19 outbreak in Dutchess County. To help prevent the spread of COVID-19, control measures have been implemented, such as social distancing, the prohibition of gatherings, the closure of schools and non-essential businesses, non-essential workers have been ordered to work from home, and restaurants and bars have been restricted to take-out and delivery service only.

In an effort to further protect the health of the residents of Dutchess County and that of the occupants and employees, all campgrounds, children's camps, seasonal temporary residences, and seasonal communities such as co-ops located in Dutchess County must be closed. The attached Order is effective April 10th through May 30th however the situation will be monitored closely and the decision to lift the restrictions will be continually evaluated as the the situation evolves.

For children's camps, campgrounds and seasonal temporary residences permitted by this Department, application packets may have already been sent out. To avoid delays or a backlog in the permitting process when these restrictions have been lifted, we ask that operators of such facilities submit their applications, fees, and any additional documentation necessary as soon as they are ready. We will process the paperwork and withhold cashing the checks until the restrictions have been lifted and you have confirmed that you wish to proceed with the operation.

For seasonal facilities who are also regulated as public water systems, was ask that facility operators submit the public water system seasonal startup certification form as normal so that they may be processed and ready to open when the restrictions have been lifted. Facilities who have already received a permit to operate their water system are not excluded from these restrictions.

Attached is a copy of the Commissioner's Order. We hope that the outbreak will subside and that operations will be allowed to operate this year. Please accept our sincere apology for this inconvenience. There may be specific cases that warrant additional review on a case by case basis by the Commissioner. If you have questions related to the operation of facilities permitted by this Department, you may contact us at (845) 486-3404. Thank you.

STATE OF NEW YORK

DUTCHESS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL & COMMUNITY HEALTH

In re: 2019-Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

STANDING COMMISSIONER'S ORDER FOR SEASONAL FACILITY RESTRICTIONS

Pursuant to Section 1303(3) of the New York State Public Health Law,
and Sections 10.6 and 2.5 of the Dutchess County Sanitary Code.

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020 the World Health Organization designated the COVID-19 outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, advising that further cases may appear in any country; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a public health emergency for the entire United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as of March 7, 2020, Andrew Cuomo, the Governor of the State of New York, declared a State of Emergency by Executive Order 202 as a result of the spread of COVID-19 in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, as of March 13, 2020, Donald Trump, the President of the United States of America, declared a National Emergency as a result of the spread of COVID-19 in the United States; and

WHEREAS, as of March 13, 2020, Marcus Molinaro, the Dutchess County Executive, declared a State of Emergency for Dutchess County based on an increase number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Dutchess County; and

WHEREAS, New York Public Health Law Section 1303(3), and Sections 10.6 and 2.5 of the Dutchess County Sanitary Code empower the Commissioner of the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health, hereby referred to as the "Commissioner of Health" to impose certain restrictions deemed necessary to protect the safety and health of the people of Dutchess County.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that all children's camps in Dutchess County be closed effective April 10, 2020 and shall remain closed until May 30, 2020 or a later date as determined by the Commissioner of Health; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that it shall be prohibited to allow the operation of any children's camps in Dutchess County effective April 10, 2020 and until May 30, 2020 or a later date as determined by the Commissioner of Health; and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that all campgrounds in Dutchess County that require a permit to operate under part 7-3 of the New York State Sanitary Code shall be closed effective April 10, 2020 and shall remain closed until May 30, 2020 or a later date as determined by the Commissioner of Health; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that it shall be prohibited to allow the use of any camping cabins, camping units or campsites on any campground in Dutchess County as defined in part 7-3 of the New York State Sanitary Code effective April 10, 2020 and until May 30, 2020 or a later date as determined by the Commissioner of Health; and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that all seasonal temporary residences in Dutchess County that require a permit to operate under part 7-1 of the New York State Sanitary Code shall be closed effective April 10, 2020 and shall remain closed until May 30, 2020 or a later date as determined by the Commissioner of Health; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that it shall be prohibited to allow the use of any seasonal temporary residences in Dutchess County as defined in part 7-1 of the New York State Sanitary Code effective April 10, 2020 and until May 30, 2020 or a later date as determined by the Commissioner of Health; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that all seasonal bungalow communities and cooperatives in Dutchess County shall be closed effective April 10, 2020 and until May 30, 2020 or a later date as determined by the Commissioner of Health.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that violation of this Public Health Order may result in civil penalties or criminal prosecution.

DATED: April 8th, 2020



ANIL K. VAIDIAN, MD, MPH, COMMISSIONER
DUTCHESS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL & COMMUNITY HEALTH