

There's been an increased desire to hear from the owners of The Woods Camping Resort regarding our plans for the current COVID-19 pandemic. We're not going to copy and paste words from other emails written by lawyers and public relations professionals... by now, you're probably just deleting them as they come in. Of course, we'll be following CDC guidelines and we'll be taking extra precautions... or more accurately, taking the same precautions as always, but more often.

I want to remind everyone that none of us claim to be experts on this pandemic. It's too new. So, let's instead just talk about the best decisions that can be made.

- We are 6 weeks away from the start of the season. Current conditions do not dictate the future. A lot has happened in the past few weeks, even days and hours, and none of us can predict the future. We will not make definitive decisions now for something we do not know to base judgement. At this time and in the foreseeable future, The Woods Campground is OPEN FOR BUSINESS. The expectation is that we will still be able to operate our resort, unless directed otherwise by required local, state or federal authorities.
- The travel industry has not stopped. Cruise lines, tours, hotels and airlines have not stopped taking reservations for future travel. We will continue our online reservation launch this Saturday, March 21st at 10:00am.
- Most restrictions are about social distancing. The Woods is on 161 acres. For the majority of your time at camp, you can easily avoid close proximity with others. There are numerous and even never before seen open air spaces to spend your leisure time.
- Weekday camping is a great alternative. Crowds are lower but our staff's preventative measures are not.
- Numerous research articles have surfaced about the benefit of the great outdoors during past virus outbreaks. Outdoor activities are encouraged by the experts. Outdoor air is a natural disinfectant. Sunlight is germicidal.

You must remember that even though there is a community at The Woods Campground, The Woods is a **business**. Only YOU should be in charge of your wellbeing. With that in mind, consider the following...

- If you're worried about being contaminated with COVID-19 at The Woods, then do not make reservations for the upcoming season until you feel comfortable.
- If you're worried that our precautions will not be enough to keep you safe, then do not make reservations for the upcoming season until you feel comfortable.
- If you want us to test the health of all guests who enter the gate, we simply do not have the resources for that. It is your responsibility to not be around others when you're sick. That has always been the rule.
- If you're worried about getting a refund if you decide later that you do not want to take the chance of social contact, then please book your site with the flex rate plan which was not designed for a virus pandemic, but is perfect for you if this worries you. If we are required to close during the time period of your reserved stay, we will issue you a credit.
- If you're worried about social distancing at the pool, dance club or café, know that we will follow all necessary CDC guidelines to protect our guests and may alter the activities schedule accordingly.

Since the creation of The Woods, we have endeavored to be an escape... a happy place to wash away the stress of life. Current events have only added to that stress which makes The Woods even more enticing and for many – necessary. We are choosing to be positive and optimistic and hoping for a fantastic, happy, healthy camping season. We ask that you join us and hope for the best and resist negativity in your words. Just like our logo presents – there is always a bright side.



Thank you for your support, understanding and continued trust in The Woods Camping Resort.