We have been fielding a lot of questions lately about how summer camping at Searsport Shores may be affected by the ongoing COVID-19 viral pandemic. These are unusual times, with best-practices changing frequently as the situation plays out across the country. If you need a covid test, the state is recommending this [website](#).

We want our guests to know that we put the health and safety of our community above all else. Decisions we make on reservations and social-distancing will be made by putting health first, even if this means doing less business than we may legally be permitted to do. We are talking with folks we know who work in the Emergency and ICU departments of local hospitals, reading recommendations by the Maine and federal CDCs, and keeping on top of orders and recommendations happening across the U.S.

With that in mind, our current plans are as follows:

- Guests will wear face coverings inside all buildings and whenever they cannot social distance.
- Advanced reservations and payment will be required for all camping sites. We will only be booking stays of 3 nights or more. Each campsite is limited to a single household. If you or anyone in your party is not feeling well…please visit another time.
- All guests of the park will be expected to honor Maine guidelines and any current testing requirements. The latest information (July 1) can be found [here](#). If you are not a resident of ME, NH, VT, NY, NJ and CT, we will ask you to sign the state’s compliance [certificate](#) at check in.
- Because we are uncomfortable with the policing aspect of quarantining, we are unable to offer quarantining in the park EXCEPT while you are waiting for Covid test results.
- Until further notice we ask that you plan to meet with friends & family who are not camping here, on the hiking trails or in the state park…we won’t be able to welcome them into the campground at this time.
- Our beach and extensive walking trails will be open with social distancing requirements in place. Until further notice our flush toilets, group tenting, recreation hall and dog park will be closed. Our showers, laundry and sinks will be available. Our playground is open with modifications. Help us to keep you healthy by bringing your own balls and toys; we’ll have the hoops and nets set up. Everyone should wash their hands before and after playing.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility during this unprecedented time. Searsport Shores Ocean Campground has provided a relaxing environment to guests since 1964. Through all those years, and now, our
family’s focus has been on welcoming our guests for a time when they can refresh and recharge alongside the ocean on beautiful Penobscot Bay. We look forward to welcoming you all back again soon.

With Love,

Steve and Astrig Tanguay

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