



Accommodating Snowbirds at Seasonal Trailer Parks

Some of your residents/customers who have returned or will be returning from outside of Canada may have asked you if they can self-isolate in their trailer in your park. This is permissible only for those Ontarians whose only Canadian residence is at a seasonal trailer park or campground. These “snowbirds” are permitted to continue their occupancy and complete their mandatory self-isolation as required by the Quarantine Act. Your residents/customers who have a permanent residence (a house or apartment) elsewhere in Canada must self-isolate there. Under the list of essential workplaces, all seasonal trailer parks and campgrounds are closed to all other users.

When utilities such as water, sewer, and electricity are available, residents can safely self-isolate provided they follow the practices outlined in the document “[How to Self-Isolate \(For Returning Travellers With no Symptoms\)](#)”.

When utilities, in particular water, have not yet been turned back on for the season, self-isolation may be more challenging. Self-isolation in a trailer may be permissible provided the following criteria can be met:

1. Each trailer must provide or be provided with its own portable toilet to be used exclusively by the person in self-isolation, or
2. If water can be safely hauled, facilities within the trailer may be used. The sewage system must be functional – either using the trailer’s storage tank or be connected to the park’s sewage system.
3. Water used to fill tanks or toilets must be delivered to the trailer by an individual or company not in self-isolation. Under no circumstances shall a person in self-isolation go out to fill water containers.
4. If the trailer park provides communal washrooms with showers, these washrooms may be used by those in self-isolation for showering provided the following procedures are adhered to:
 - a. The washroom is only for the use of those in self-isolation and only used for showering. A portable toilet must still be provided at the trailer site.
 - b. No more than one person at a time uses the washroom (a schedule may be necessary).
 - c. Staff or a hired cleaning service must clean and sanitize the shower and other contact surfaces (i.e. door knobs) after each use of the washroom by a person in self-isolation. For guidance on cleaning and sanitizing procedures, please refer to the information on [Environmental Cleaning and Infection Control](#) at Peterborough Public Health’s website.
 - d. Staff cleaning and sanitizing the washroom must use proper personal protection equipment (PPE). For guidance on the proper use of PPE please refer to [Personal Protective Equipment](#) at Peterborough Public Health’s website.
 - e. That signs be posted advising that the washroom is only to be used by those in self-isolation.

(Click on the links in the text above, or go to peterboroughpublichealth.ca, click on “learn more” under Novel Coronavirus, click on the drop-down beside “What is self-isolation” **OR** click on “Information for “Health Professionals” under Quick Links and click on the drop-down beside “Environmental Cleaning and Infection Control” or “Personal Protective Equipment”).

If these procedures are not feasible or are not followed, then self-isolation in a trailer will not be permitted and the resident will have to self-isolate elsewhere.

Trailer park operators must collect the following information on those in self-isolation in their park and provide it to PPH if requested:

- the name(s) of those in self-isolation
- the trailer number where they are self-isolating
- contact information of those in self-isolation such as phone number and email address
- the date they returned to Canada

If residents in self-isolation feel they are developing symptoms, please refer them to on-line the [self-assessment tool](#).

The decision to whether to allow residents/customers to isolate in a trailer park is up to the owner of the property, subject to any restrictions on the operating season imposed by the municipality.

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