



Information for outfitters and guides

The Montana Governor's Office of Outdoor Recreation has updated additional guidance to the "RECREATION GUIDELINES" that are specific for guides that will allow them to put customers in their boats.

(EXISTING) PHASE ONE AND TWO: RECREATION GUIDELINES

Public lands, fishing access sites, and parks are encouraged to continue to provide outdoor recreation opportunities for local and regional users provided that users can adhere to strict social distancing guidelines and facilities follow frequent sanitizing protocols. Areas that cannot practicably implement social distancing requirements or sanitation needs will remain closed. Limited campground offerings, group-use facilities and playgrounds, may be opened at the discretion of local and state managers. Local, state and federal officials are strongly encouraged to coordinate on all reopening decisions. **Guides and outfitters may offer services consistent with any ongoing quarantine travel restrictions provided they adhere to social distancing guidelines and sanitation protocols.** Visitors should check the status of any closures and restrictions before traveling.

(NEW ADDITION) PHASE ONE and TWO: Guiding and Outfitting

Operations that require close personal contact for an extended period result in exposing guides and customers to greater levels of risk. These situations require additional safety and health precautions.

- Screen customers prior to trip for symptoms of fever, shortness of breath or a cough. Customers that have any of these symptoms must be rescheduled.
- It is recommended that, when practical, guides and customers utilize face masks.
- It is recommended the guide and customer (customer may be defined as an individual, or a group that is in the same family or traveling group) should be 6 feet away from others. Customer, as defined as group, may also be accommodated in the same vehicle, vessel or lodge setting.
- It is recommended to provide for 6 feet of physical distancing between unrelated customers, defined as individual, family group, or travel group. This may require:
 - A reduction in capacity;
 - A reduction of seating in vessel, vehicle, or lodge settings; or
 - Systems that reduce the amount of contact time between customers.