

## BCLCA Bulletin 18: COVID-19 for RV Parks, Lodging and Campground Owners

Dear BCLCA Member:

In this special update:

### **New order limits the number of guests in vacation accommodation throughout British Columbia**

On **July 27th** B.C.'s provincial health officer Dr. Bonnie Henry issued a new order limiting the number of people allowed in rental properties across the province.

Dr. Bonnie Henry said the order applies to Airbnb properties and other short-term rentals, as well as hotel rooms, boats, and yurts.

"The number of people is limited to the capacity of the space, plus a maximum of five visitors," Henry said Monday.

What this means is that your guests cannot have a large number of people over to party in their hotel room, campsite or on a houseboat over the rest of the summer.

Officials gave the example of an accommodation with a four-person capacity, which would be allowed to hold no more than nine people.

Officials also said property owners will be responsible for ensuring the new guest limits are followed, and for collecting contact-tracing information from everyone who sets foot in their rentals, including temporary visitors.

In announcing restrictions, Henry noted there is nothing wrong with a group of friends or a large family wanting to rent a cabin together this summer, provided they are in each other's bubbles.

"Yes, its okay to meet up with you group of friends, your close group of friends, whether that's eight or ten or twelve people, but stick with your own group and not mix with other groups," she noted. "That is where we are seeing that there is risk of transmission of this virus," she said.

The definition of Vacation Accommodation includes recreational vehicle and tents.

"vacation accommodation" means a house, townhouse, cottage, cabin, apartment, condominium, mobile home, recreational vehicle, hotel suite, tent, yurt, houseboat or any other type of living accommodation and associated deck, garden or yard, when used for vacation purposes by the owner, tenant, guest or any other person;

To read the full text of the order visit - <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/covid-19-pho-order-gatherings-events.pdf>

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