

Responsible RestartOhio

All-Purpose Vehicle (APV) Areas and Trails



In Ohio, APVs and OHVs are off-road machines that are typically identified as four-wheelers (ATVs), side by sides (UTVs), dirt bikes, and dual sport motorcycles. On all APV areas and trails, all riders are required to wear helmets, eye protection, and encouraged to wear gloves. This PPE will also assist in protection from the virus when on the trail.

Staff and Volunteers

Mandatory

Communicate clearly

Post information to frequently remind riders to take steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19. These messages should include information about:

- Staying home if you are sick or do not feel well.
- Using social distancing and maintaining at least 6 feet between individuals in all APV areas and trails.
- Not gathering in groups.
- Wearing a mask or face covering when entering buildings or interacting with other riders, practicing good personal hygiene including washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, using hand sanitizer, refraining from touching eyes, nose, and mouth, coughing and sneezing into an elbow, etc.

Closures:

- In accordance with current orders, close any non-essential buildings, amenities, and areas where people could potentially congregate, such as pavilions.

Maintaining Distance in outdoor spaces

- In areas of concern, mark 6-foot spacers to help riders visualize safe distancing.
- In areas with a lot of cross traffic, direct pedestrian traffic to enter/exit these locations in specific ways or indicate one-way traffic wherever possible.
- Staff and volunteers must perform daily symptom assessments, including assessing their symptoms, and taking their temperatures with a thermometer, and monitoring for fever. If symptomatic*, staff and volunteers should stay home.
- Following recommendations in current orders, staff and volunteers must wear clean masks and gloves when interacting with riders and other staff or volunteers.
- Staff vehicles, keys, tools, bathrooms, and other common areas must be cleaned and disinfected at the end of a shift or before another person uses the item/area.
- Implement staggered employee and volunteer entry, work in assigned teams, vary arrival and departure and stagger breaks to avoid interaction or grouping among staff.
- Group gatherings must adhere to Department of Health guidelines on mass gatherings.
- Wearing face coverings around trail heads, parking lots, restrooms, and other high traffic areas is required for staff and volunteers.

Recommended Best Practices

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*Per the CDC, symptoms include cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, and new loss of taste or smell.

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Participants

- Each APV user should conduct a personal symptom assessment prior to leaving home.

APV Crowds and Parking

- Spacing in parking areas must be maintained to ensure appropriate six foot social distancing.
- Parking should be monitored to avoid exceeding parking lot capacity and to prevent the gathering of groups of 10 or more.

APV Public Restrooms - some trail head facilities also have public restrooms that can cause concern

Maintain public restrooms to lower risk of spread of virus.

- Ensure there are functional toilets.
- Clean and disinfect public areas and restrooms at least three times a day using EPA-registered disinfectants, particularly on high-touch surfaces such as faucets, toilets, doorknobs, and light switches.
- Make sure supplies for handwashing, including soap and materials for drying hands, are fully stocked every time the bathroom is cleaned.
- Provide hand sanitizer where water is not available.

Confirmed Cases

- Immediately isolate and seek medical care for any individual who develops symptoms.
- Contact the local health district about suspected cases or exposure.
- Shut down affected areas for deep sanitation, if possible.

Recommended Best Practices

- Contact local health district about suspected cases and exposures.
- Following testing, contact local health department to initiate appropriate care and tracing.
- Stay at home if you demonstrate any COVID-19 symptoms.
- Stay home if you are sick or do not feel well.
- Do not gather in groups.
- Riding together should only be with immediate family members.
- Wear a mask or face covering when entering buildings or interacting with others.
- Practice good personal hygiene including washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, using hand sanitizer, refraining from touching eyes, nose, and mouth, coughing and sneezing into an elbow, etc.
- Bring trash bags, food, and supplies. Plan to carry in and carry out trash and other items.

- Courtesy should be given to riders who are loading and unloading their machines. If spacing cannot be maintained, riders can wait in their vehicles until adjacent riders have cleared the area.
- Wearing face coverings around trail heads, parking lots, restrooms, and other high traffic areas should be highly recommended for guests.

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- Recommend that APV trail riders bring their own toilet paper.
- Opportunities for visitors to touch the same surfaces should be reduced by providing "no touch" trash disposal methods and waiving requirements to register at kiosks.
- Encourage APV trail riders/users to carry out their own trash.
- Request that guests bring all personal items for the day (e.g., food, drinks, hand sanitizer, sanitizing wipes) and suggest that they do not share food, drinks, or coolers except with immediate household members.

- Work with local health department to identify potentially infected or exposed individuals to help facilitate effective contact tracing/notifications.
- Once testing is readily available, test all suspected infections or exposures.
- Following testing, contact local health department to initiate appropriate care and tracing.
- Collect guest contact information as appropriate that can be shared with the health department for contact tracing purposes.