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Town of Hinsdale

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Dear Hotel, Rental, and STR Owners,

As you know COVID-19 is **HERE** in the Berkshires. As all sectors are working in unison to combat this pandemic, we are issuing this important message to all of you. On March 24, 2020, the Federal Corona Virus Task Force issued a recommendation that anyone traveling from the New York City Metropolitan area should self-quarantine for at least 14 days. We are asking that if you receive any bookings or inquiries from any person from this area (or any other area deemed as a COVID-19 hotspot) we are requesting that you postpone any bookings until COVID-19 is defeated. If people are coming into our towns that are travelling from certain areas, we will require a 14-day quarantine of those people.

In addition, if a resident is found to test positive for COVID-19 who is residing at one of your properties, there will be a mandatory isolation order issued by the local board of health and occupants will be unable to leave until they are medically cleared (which could be longer than 14 days) regardless of their commitment on your booking. More importantly, people traveling into the Berkshires from out of the area may be unaware and could further aid in the spread of the virus. In certain cases, the local board of health may require additional actions to prevent further spread that may include a comprehensive sanitizing and disinfection of the property at your expense.

We thank you for your cooperation during this trying time. We **WILL** defeat COVID-19 if we work in collaboration. Please visit the following link <https://www.mass.gov/resource/information-on-the-outbreak-of-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19> to access up to date information on COVID-19 as well as resources needed. **PRACTICE** social distancing, **WASH** hands with soap and water, **FOLLOW** all Commonwealth of Massachusetts Emergency orders, **ISOLATE** at home as much as possible, and **STAY** at home if you are sick.

Thank you for your timely and important cooperation on this matter.

Sincerely,

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