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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Property Owners, Permittees and Property Managers of Vacation Home/Short-term Rentals

FROM: Tom Dallaire, Director  
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DATE: May 29, 2020

RE: UPDATE: Vacation Home/Short-term Rental guidance regarding COVID-19

To whom it may concern:

Douglas County continues to be worried about the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) within our State, the region and especially our neighborhoods. The health resources in Douglas County are limited and may not be adequate to handle an outbreak of COVID-19. As the State of Nevada opens on a limited basis and continues to monitor the spread of COVID-19, Douglas County will continue to follow the Governor's directives. Consistent with directives issued by the Governor and the guidance issued by the CDC, Douglas County is urging travelers and you, as a short-term rental owner/manager, to take this threat to our community seriously, act responsibly in your rental and ensure your renters are informed of the travel advisory. We appreciate all the support and cooperation of the April 1, 2020 memorandum, and we all look forward to getting through then pandemic.

To further facilitate the State's response to this pandemic, short-term rental owners/managers are advised the following decelerations, and advisories remain applicable to short-term rentals within Douglas County:

1. On March 31<sup>st</sup>, Governor Sisolak issued an interstate travel advisory urging visitors from out of state and returning Nevadans to self-quarantine for 14 days and to monitor their health for the duration of their stay in Nevada (whichever is shorter), in an effort to contain the spread of COVID-19. **A copy of the attached travel advisory MUST continue to be posted in each rental property and provided to renters. VHR owners/managers MUST urge visitors to self-quarantine in accordance with this advisory.**
2. On May 28<sup>th</sup>, Governor Sisolak issued Directive 021, section 10 advises that public gatherings are now limited to groups of fifty or less. Permitted properties may rent consistent with this directive. The occupancy cap on VHR permits of 10 or more no longer applies.

3. On May 28<sup>th</sup>, Governor Sisolak issued Directive 021 which advises members of the public to maintain social distancing and proper sanitation measures. Section 7 of Directive 021 states as follows:

"The phrase social distancing" references guidance promulgated by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, including without limitation, maintaining at least six feet of physical distancing from other individuals. The phrase "sanitation requirements," "sanitation measures," and "sanitation guidelines" includes without limitation, washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds as frequently as possible, using hand sanitizer, covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands), regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands."

4. On May 28<sup>th</sup>, Governor Sisolak issued Directive 021 and Section 8 states:

"All Nevadans are strongly encouraged to stay in their residences to the greatest extent possible. Recognizing that COVID-19 is still present in Nevada and highly contagious, Nevadans are advised that they are safer at home and should avoid interpersonal contact with persons not residing in their households to the extent practicable. Nevadans are urged to avoid travel to the greatest extent practicable. To reduce the spread of COVID-19 via respiratory transmission, the Nevada public should utilize face coverings in public spaces."

Douglas County is asking you to please monitor those who are requesting the use of your properties. Please be considerate of those who live in the neighborhood of your rental and those who are serving the public during this crisis in our country. Please remind visitors if they are traveling into Nevada and are experiencing symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath):

1. Continue to stay in your designated quarantine location, avoid contact with others, and contact a healthcare provider for further instructions on treatment or testing.
2. If you are "vulnerable persons", you are strongly encouraged to stay at home to the greatest extent possible, except when necessary to provide, support, perform, or operate necessary activities, minimum basic operations, critical government functions, necessary travel, or essential businesses.
3. If you feel you need medical care, call ahead before you go in and inform them of your travel history.
4. If you need urgent medical care (e.g., have difficulty breathing), call 9-1-1 and let the dispatcher know your travel history).

The containment of the spread of COVID-19 is vital to protect the health and welfare of Douglas County residents and all residents of the State of Nevada. Please abide by Governor Sisolak's guidance so we can all survive this COVID-19 crisis.

For more information regarding the State's response to COVID-19, visit [nvhealthresponse.nv.gov](https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov).



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