MEMORANDUM

Date: March 26, 2020

To: Transient Lodging (also known as Short-Term Rental or Vacation Rental) Operators

From: Carl P. Holm, AICP, Director

Subject: Comtesy Notice Clarifying that Short-Term Rentals (or Vacation Rentals) Are Considered Transient Lodging Operations During Shelter In Place Order

In light of the Monterey County mandatory Shelter in Place Order issued on March 17th, 2020, and the California State Stay Home order issued March 19th, 2020 by the Governor of California, all transient lodging operations are asked to comply with best practices to protect the community health. The Resource Management Agency (RMA) conferred with the County's Public Health Official and County Counsel who opined that transient lodging operations include hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts, and short-term (less than 30 days) vacation rentals. These operations may stay open to support essential businesses and sectors but must not be open for "vacation or leisure activity".

This is a courtesy notice that all vacation rentals must stop operating for vacation purposes while this Order is in place. Activity or advertisement to the contrary is subject to enforcement by the Sheriff Office.

For further clarification or additional information related to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) please see the following:
1. Businesses that may remain open in Monterey County during 'Shelter in Place' order.