



**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF NEW MARLBOROUGH  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
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April 14, 2020

Dear Lodging Owner,

The Town of New Marlborough Board of Health (BOH) is contacting you regarding Governor Baker's COVID-19 Order No. 13 concerning lodgings, in order to make you aware of your responsibility in helping keep the people in Berkshire County safe during this time of spread of COVID-19. According to state and local records you are the owner of a lodging, inn, B&B, hotel, motel or other short-term rental in the Town of New Marlborough. On March 31, 2020, Guidance was issued implementing the Governor's COVID-19 Order No. 13 concerning lodgings. **This guidance has the force of law in Massachusetts, and prohibits the provision of lodging, unless the renter falls within certain specific essential categories.** The guidance is attached. Please also reference the Massachusetts Department of Public Health website (<http://mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-guidance-and-directions>) for additional details and FAQs.

Lodging offered, operated, or employed for purposes other than those listed in section 1 of the guidance does not constitute a COVID-19 Essential Service. Accordingly, the provision and occupancy of lodging for leisure, vacation or any other purpose not listed in Section 1 of the guidance should not be continuing after April 1, 2020.

Please note that Short-Term Rentals of residential homes for 31 days **or fewer** (including Airbnb, VRBO and similar rental properties) **are included in** and must abide by Order No. 13. The Order does not apply to residential rentals of longer than 31 days, which therefore may continue. **However, for those longer term rentals it remains extremely important that Orders regarding travel into the state continue to be followed,** including:

- Travelers arriving from outside Massachusetts are to **self-quarantine for 14 days. Visitors are instructed NOT to travel to Massachusetts if they are displaying symptoms.** We respectfully request that in-state Massachusetts travelers from outside Berkshire County also abide by this guidance.
- The renter should arrive with enough food and medication to sustain themselves for the 14-day self-quarantine, and should not be out in the local community or commuting back to other locations during that time.

- If someone occupying your lodging is **found to be COVID-19 positive** they will have to abide by a **mandatory isolation order and remain at your rental** until they are medically cleared, regardless of their commitment on your booking.

Thank you for your attention and assistance with this matter, as we appreciate your efforts to help keep folks in Berkshire County safe during this time.



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