

## <u>MEDIA RELEASE</u> <u>"Stay Home Stay Safe" Compliance re Temporary Lodgings Operations</u>

To all Burlington property owners using their properties for lodging operations:

Per the Executive Order issued by Governor Scott regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, all operators of short-term rental/Homeaway/Airbnb/Vrbo/etc units must comply with the following orders articulated in Addendum 7 to Executive Order 01-20, which was issued March 30 2020:

For the purpose of clarifying Stay Home/Stay Safe as it relates to the suspension of lodging operations, "lodging" shall include, but not be limited to, hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts, inns, short term rentals, such as those made available through Vrbo, Homeaway, Airbnb, and other services, parks for recreational vehicles and campgrounds, all public and private camping facilities including those managed by the Vermont Department of Parks and Recreation.

Lodging may be provided for the following purposes:

- a. Housing vulnerable populations (emergency shelter for homeless individuals) as arranged through the state.
- b. Providing accommodations for health care workers, or other workers deemed necessary to support public health, public safety or critical infrastructure.
- *c.* Use of lodging properties being as quarantine facilities as arranged by the state.
- *d. Limited verifiable extenuating circumstances for the care and safety of Vermonters.*

On-line reservations shall be suspended and lodging providers shall post a prominent notice on their web platforms which advises potential guests that reservations for lodging in Vermont, as allowed above, shall be accepted by phone only.

Lodging providers may permit existing guests to remain through the end of their scheduled stay, however, may not allow extended stay or new reservations, except for the purposes set forth above.

People with questions about this may contact Detective Morris at the Burlington Police Department at (802) 658-2704.

Information is preliminary and subject to change.