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Dear Lodging Owner,

According to state and local records you are the owner of a lodging, including a short-term rental, inn, B&B, hotel, motel or other lodging place in the Town of Lanesborough. 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. 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 may not continue as of April 1, 2020.

Persons occupying lodging as of March 31, 2020 may remain in their current lodgings through the end of their originally scheduled stay **but may not extend their originally scheduled stay** except for one of the purposes listed in section 1 above. During the effective period of COVID-19 Order No. 13:

- (a) persons with future reservations or bookings or agreements to occupy lodgings may not exercise those agreements and may not occupy those lodgings; and
- (b) operators of lodgings may not provide lodging to persons with future reservations or bookings or agreements to occupy lodgings unless in each case the lodgings are provided and occupied for one of the purposes listed in section 1 of the guidance.

If someone occupying your lodging is found to be COVID-19 positive they will be put under a mandatory isolation order that will last until they are medically cleared, regardless of their commitment on your booking.

We appreciate your efforts to keep the residents of Berkshire County safe during this time.

Thank you.

Lanesborough Board of Health