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TOWN ISSUES UPDATED REQUIREMENTS FOR HOTELS, LODGING AND SHORT-TERM RENTALS WITHIN THE TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES

November 18, 2020 – This Order replaces the August 11, 2020 Health Officer Order related to short-term lodging within the Town of Mammoth Lakes. This new Order continues previous restrictions, adds clarity, and imposes a few new requirements on lodging facilities within the Town of Mammoth Lakes that emphasize existing State requirements for the protection of visitors and residents (including the hospitality workforce). This Order is effective November 17, 2020, and will remain in effect until April 30, 2021 unless modified, repealed, or extended.

The Unified Command Emergency Operations Center (EOC) supports the implementation of rules and regulations placing stricter limits on lodging activities within the Town of Mammoth Lakes as a reasonable means to slow the transmission of COVID-19 (Coronavirus), to reduce potential impacts on local medical facilities, and to protect the public health and welfare of the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

The requirements in this Order are implemented both to disperse visitation to Mammoth Lakes over a longer period of time, thereby avoiding overcrowding and visitor concentration during “peak” visitation periods, and to achieve a vacancy period between occupancies that allows for housekeeping staff to thoroughly and safely clean rooms between occupancies and minimize exposure.

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This Order applies to short-term lodging facilities (including, but not limited to, hotels, motels, condo/hotels, short-term or vacation rentals (such as Airbnbs), timeshares, bed and breakfast establishments, private residence clubs, cabins, campgrounds, and other similar units) legally operating in the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

All short-term lodging properties shall be managed to achieve a minimum vacancy factor of thirty percent (30%) for all occupancies of 30 days or less. The vacancy factor is to be achieved by implementation of the following:

Hotels and Condo/Hotels

- Hotels, Condo/Hotels, and Private Residence Clubs within the Town of Mammoth Lakes shall restrict occupancy levels to 70% of capacity over a 7-day period extending from Monday through Sunday of each week, and are encouraged (but not required) to maximize the number of rooms/units that are left vacant for a 24-hour period between each occupancy. Cleaning requirements provided herein apply to these uses.

Short-Term Residential Rental Units

- For all other short-term rental properties, occupancy shall be managed to achieve at least a 30% vacancy rate calculated by calendar month, including providing a mandatory minimum vacancy period of 24-hours between all occupancies (includes owners and guests) and that a minimum of 9-days per month of vacancy is achieved. Monthly vacancy requirement of at least 9-days is effective starting December 1, 2020.

All short-term lodging properties are required to comply with the following highlighted requirements from the Order:

- All bedding, linens, towels, and similar items shall be laundered between each occupancy without exception.

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- All kitchen supplies, food preparation areas, and common areas shall be washed/thoroughly sanitized between each occupancy without exception.
- Units/Rooms shall be left vacant for a period of at least 6-hours between occupancies (a mandatory minimum vacancy period of 24-hours between all occupancies applies for both owners and guests) and shall not be entered by guests or owners, except for housekeeping staff with high-level PPE, during that period.
- Cleaning staff shall be provided with adequate personal protective equipment (PPE), including N95 (equivalent or higher rated) masks when appropriate and gloves, as well as eye protection if requested, and shall wear such PPE at all times while cleaning. Disposable gowns are recommended, but similar reusable coverings may be used provided they are laundered after each shift.
- Indoor fitness areas may open at 10% capacity, however, indoor pools, hot tubs, saunas, jacuzzis, steam rooms, or similar facilities remain closed per State guidelines and Mono County’s “Substantial” Tier 2 (Red) status.

For additional information regarding this Order, please view the Order and the *Mono County Interim Business Guidelines* on the Mono County COVID-19 Portal under “Directives.”

All Mono County residents and visitors are asked to do their part to **#StaySafeToStayOpen**. This is more than a hashtag – it needs to become a way of life.

Additional information regarding the Blueprint for a Safer Economy is available online: <https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap-counties/> or by visiting the Mono County COVID-19 Portal in English: **MonoHealth.com/Coronavirus** or Spanish: <https://monohealth.com/coronavirus-es>.

Cover. Distance. Wash and **#StaySafeToStayOpen!**

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