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**PRESS RELEASE
SHORT TERM LODGING**

The Coos County Board of Commissioners' order prohibiting short-term rentals in Coos County (Order 20-03-014L) expires on April 30, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. The order defined short-term rentals as any rental of less than 30 days, in vacation rental dwellings, short-term dwellings, homestay lodgings, hotels, motels, RV Parks, private campgrounds, and similar lodging.

While the Board believes that it is in the public interest to allow the order to expire on April 30, 2020, it is still critical that all providers of short-term rental accommodations continue to take all steps necessary to protect staff, lodgers, and the citizens of Coos County from the spread of the novel coronavirus. As such, the Coos County Board of Commissioners urges short-term lodging providers to take the following safety measures throughout the duration of the COVID-19 emergency:

- Provide all staff with face masks for use when interacting with the public, cleaning public facilities, or otherwise engaging in activities that may expose staff to COVID-19.
- Provide all guests in lodging facilities with face masks for use while in common areas.
- Maintain appropriate social distancing in the workplace.
- Comply with all applicable Executive Orders and guidance from the Oregon Health Authority.

We believe that it is important to emphasize that the Governor's Executive Order 20-12, directing individuals to minimize non-essential travel, will remain in place until terminated by the Governor.

We appreciate the vital role that providers of short-term rental accommodations play in our community and economy. We trust that the appropriate steps will be taken to keep our community safe in these difficult times.