

Guidance to Seasonal Residents and Rental Property Owners

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Hamilton County would like to provide some guidance as we prepare to welcome our second home owners back to the Adirondacks. In order to maintain the safety of the public we request that you consider the following information.

Second Home Owners and Snowbirds

- After you arrive, we **strongly encourage you to stay at your home/on your own property for 2 weeks**. We understand that during your travels you will be in contact with numerous individuals when stopping for gasoline, food, and to rest. This includes post offices, grocery stores, convenience stores, hardware stores, liquor stores, and other essential businesses.
- We do encourage you to use delivery options that many of our local businesses have in place.
- Bring supplies with you that will last you at least two weeks. Our local grocery and convenience stores are able to meet the demands of our current residents; however, a large influx of people will only limit the supplies available for all.
- Be hypersensitive to the fact that we have limited access to healthcare. Our local health centers are limiting visits and utilizing telehealth services to provide care to patients. We do not have a pharmacy in the county, and recommend setting up pharmacy delivery services.

Short/Long Term Rental Owners

- We discourage short term rentals including nightly and weekend rentals. We prefer that if you are renting out your facilities, please consider multi week or monthly rentals. We are sensitive to the fact that these renters stimulate our economy and provide financial stability for our residents.
- Long term renters should be advised that social distancing rules still apply. Gatherings greater than 10 people for any reason including vacations, parties and celebrations are prohibited at this time.
- It would be beneficial to supply your rentals with masks, hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes to promote good behavior.

Please remember to follow public health safety precautions including social distancing, compliance with wearing a face covering when in public, good handwashing and sanitizing commonly touched surfaces. Hamilton County statistics have been low, only 2 positive cases of COVID with no outbreaks of exposure, and we are all working hard to ensure the numbers stay positive.

Remember it won't be like this forever! But for now, it is important to be considerate and follow these public health initiatives to slow, and eventually stop the spread of the Coronavirus.