



CITY OF FORT BRAGG

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HOTEL OPERATIONS LIMITED TO ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES ONLY

The Mendocino County Health Official's Shelter-in-Place Order includes prohibitions on providing transient accommodations (hotel rooms, vacation home rentals, etc.) for nonessential purposes. To ensure that Fort Bragg lodging operators were aware of the Order and limitations on operations, City staff reached out to hotels and motels yesterday, by email, phone and through a Facebook post to ensure awareness of the Order and to clarify what it means for their businesses. Today, in cooperation with the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, the Police Department will follow up with each hotel and motel in the City limits to provide operators with the updated memo from the County Health Official stating what the Shelter-in-Place Order means for lodging businesses. In summary, lodging accommodations may not accept reservations or rent rooms to new guests for vacation, recreation or other nonessential purposes while the Shelter-in-Place Order is active. A copy of the County Health Official's memo can be found here: [3-19-2020 County Health Officer Memo](#).

Please consider how important compliance with the Order is to the health and safety of our community. Mendocino County Officials closed a hotel and restaurant yesterday due to noncompliance with the Shelter-in-Place Order. The County and City are relying on lodging operators to adhere to the order so that further enforcement efforts, including but not limited to business closure, are not necessary.

Mendocino County COVID-19 Call Center: (707) 234-6052 (Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm) and callcenter@mendocinocounty.org.

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