

Dear Hartford Homeowner,

Due to the unprecedented disruption of the Coronavirus in our community, we are reaching out to update all of Hartford's out-of-state homeowners regarding Vermont's rules and best practices to continue to contain the spread of the Novel Coronavirus in and around the Town of Hartford. We are providing this information to ensure that your return to your home in Hartford is as smooth as possible.

Though we are far from out of the woods, we are proud to report that, due to the relatively proactive response of Vermont's Governor, Vermont continues to have one of the slowest rates of spread of any state in the US. At the time of the writing of this letter, there are just over 800 confirmed cases in Vermont and 38 deaths. There are 35 confirmed cases in Windsor County, though we recognize that actual numbers are likely to be much higher. If we continue at the current rate of spread, these numbers are likely to double over the next two weeks.

As you are likely aware, like the majority of U.S. states, Vermonters and any out of state visitors are under an order of quarantine, currently until May 15th. This means all non-essential places of employment as defined by the Governor's Office are shut down and non-essential workers are required to refrain from traveling to their places of employment. Similarly, Vermont residents and visitors are asked to wear a cloth face mask when outside their homes and to maintain a 6-foot distance from all those outside their household.

There are also some special quarantine restrictions for those arriving from outside of Vermont that are particularly important for you to be aware of. Those arriving to stay in Vermont from outside the State are required to maintain a 14-day period of quarantine, during which time they are not permitted to depart from their homes. The Vermont Department of Health description of the 14-day quarantine is quite demanding. Individuals are not permitted to shop for food or go out for a walk during the 14-day period. We ask that you make the necessary preparations, such as arriving with at least 14 days of provisions, to help you get through this period. As listed in the attached resource list, there are mutual aid networks here in Hartford that can help you retrieve needed items and several local restaurants are taking orders for takeout.

We also ask you to notify the Town Offices upon arrival by emailing [llivingston@hartford-vt.org](mailto:livingston@hartford-vt.org), so that we can be aware of your presence in the community.

You are an essential part of this community and more than welcome to come join us for the duration of the pandemic or any part thereof. Please rest assured that none of the above is intended to make you feel unwelcome in any way. We know that if and when you arrive, you will wish to be actively aligned with our efforts to contain the spread of Coronavirus in the Town of Hartford, and for this reason we are reaching out to let you know the above.

Sincerely,
Brannon Godfrey

Town Manager