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COVID-19 Proclamations Advice to Real Estate Professionals

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The Haywood County Health Department, the Emergency Management Services office and the leaders of county government have asked me to give advice to real estate professionals who may be having out-of-county clients coming into the area. You can provide an invaluable service to your clients by advising them in accordance with this memo, or even forwarding it to them in your correspondence.

Out-of-county visitors might be coming to visit a potential property, to inspect a home before closing the purchase, or a variety of other real-estate related reasons. Traveling for the purpose of conducting real estate business is Essential Travel under the local proclamation and is allowed.

Since they are engaged in Essential Travel, the visitors may occupy a short-term rental (motel, AirBnB, whatever). Visitors engaged in Essential Travel are not required to quarantine in place.

Finally, if the visitors **stay overnight in Haywood County**, they are subject to the registration requirements of the county's emergency proclamation. This **requires** the visitor to call the Haywood County local Covid-19 Hotline (828-356-2019, answered from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week) and give this information: 1) their most recent place of travel, 2) length of stay and 3) purpose for travel. The state and county emergency proclamations and FAQs are at www.haywoodcountync.gov.

Remember that our **seasonal residents**, coming to Haywood from outside the county, **are** required to quarantine in place (not leave their residence) for the first 14 days after they arrive here. The purpose of this quarantine-in-place is to reduce the chance of the spread of the virus from outside the area.

Local Covid-19 Hotline:

(828) 356-2019