

**BY ORDER OF THE  
OKANOGAN BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AND  
OKANOGAN COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER**

**RESOLUTION 49 - 2020**

*A JOINT RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLOSURE OF OVERNIGHT TRANSIENT  
ACCOMMODATIONS (OTA'S) AND HOSPITALITY LODGING UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE*

**WHEREAS**, violation of or failure to comply with this Order constitutes a misdemeanor punishable by fine, loss of permit, or both; and

**WHEREAS**, the virus that causes COVID-19 disease spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death. It is important that the spread of the virus be slowed to safeguard the public and protect healthcare resources. The Okanogan County Commissioners and the Okanogan County Public Health Officer have determined that steps to limit tourism travel are now necessary in Okanogan County, in light of the increasing scope and severity of the threat that COVID-19 poses. Confirmed cases of infection are increasing in Okanogan County.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,**

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF RCW 70.05.070

OKANOGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND OKANOGAN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER HEREBY ORDERS:

1. Effective immediately; as of 8:00 a.m. on April 14, 2020, and continuing until further notice, all Hospitality Lodging and overnight rentals (OTA's) are closed until further notice. This is necessary to control and prevent the spread of a dangerous, contagious disease within the jurisdiction of Okanogan County Health Officer, to maintain health over the territory of this jurisdiction; and to promote the public health.

2. Effective immediately; as of 8:00 a.m. on April 14, 2020, and continuing until further notice, all hospitality lodging within the boundaries of Okanogan County is closed within the jurisdiction of the Okanogan County Health Officer; to maintain health over the territory of this jurisdiction; and to promote the public health. "Hospitality lodging" includes:

- a) Resort, Hotels, Motels
- b) Short-term Rental; Timeshares, overnight transient accommodations (bed and breakfast)
- c) Campgrounds
- d) RV parks
- e) Private property being used as campgrounds

3. Exceptions for hospitality lodging: It shall not be a violation of this order for hospitality lodging to remain open to the following:

- a) Any person who has resided in the hospitality lodging since March 17, 2020 or earlier. No new long-term rentals are allowed
- b) Any person employed in the hospitality lodging
- c) Any person working directly on the COVID-19 response. This includes healthcare professionals; first responders; National Guard; law enforcement; local, state and federal government employees; and other essential personnel responding to the COVID-19 emergency.

d) Any person required by their employment to travel in Okanogan County to provide services, shipping, or deliveries. This includes truck drivers and service providers.

e) Exceptions may also be approved in writing by the Okanogan County Health Officer or his designee, for purposes necessary to assist in controlling or preventing the spread of COVID-19, or to promote the public health. Contact Okanogan County Public Health to request an exception.

4. Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1 Posted on the Okanogan County Public Health website (<https://okanogancounty.org/ocph>). (2 It is requested that the Washington State Parks as well as hospitality lodging entities post this Order on-site in a place viewable to the public, as well as on their website or social media platform.

5. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order or any application of it to any person, structure, gathering, or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Order.

6. The Okanogan County Health Officer will continue to assess this quickly evolving situation and may at any time modify, cancel, or extend this Order, or issue additional orders related to COVID-19. PURSUANT TO RCW 70.05.070, THE HEALTH OFFICER REQUESTS THAT ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH AND ENFORCEMENT OF THIS ORDER.


**ORDERED** and **RESOLVED** at Okanogan, Washington this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.



John, F. McCarthy, MD, Date: April 14, 2020  
Okanogan County Public Health Officer



ATTEST:



Laleña Johns, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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OKANOGAN, WASHINGTON**



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