



## Otsego County Coronavirus Task Force

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**The Otsego County Coronavirus Task Force has issued the following statement to visitors, weekenders, second home owners and short-term rental owners and listing agents:**

### **“Safer at Home”**

While it is our custom to welcome travelers from outside of Otsego County who visit and stay at second homes, short term rentals, motels and hotels, during this unprecedented Public Health Emergency, visitors may be seeking refuge from COVID-19 hotspots. We remind you that this is a global pandemic. You and your families have a critical role to fulfill in halting the rapid spread of the Coronavirus, which can be dangerous, even fatal, especially to the elderly as well as people with underlying health conditions. Both you and our residents are **“Safer at Home”**. You should not have an expectation that resources will be available to you here that are not also available to you in your own home town.

The risk to all increases with the movement of non-residents in and out of Otsego County. Individuals who travel here increase the pressure on our the already strained resources, including first responders, health care providers, hospitals and other government services. It could easily tax our health care system beyond its capacity.

In keeping with federal and state mandates warning people to stay at home and limit their movements, Otsego County strongly advises that you postpone your travels until this Health Emergency is over. If that is impossible, we ask that seasonal residents, landlords, hotel/motel operators, and all other temporary lodging providers verify that occupants are following Governor Cuomo’s, President Trump’s and the Center for Disease Control’s guidelines.

Individuals who are traveling to Otsego County from the New York City greater metropolitan area, and other areas hard hit by COVID-19, are asked to notify the Otsego County Department of Health upon their arrival by phone and self-isolate for 14 days. During the 14-day period, you should monitor all household members for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. These include fever, cough and shortness of breath. Contact your healthcare provider for further directions if you have questions.

We look forward to a return of normalcy in the near future, when we can again welcome visitors to our area with open arms.

CDC Frequently asked questions: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html>

Bassett Medical Center Hotline: 607-547-5555

Otsego County Hotline: Dial 211

Otsego County Department of Health: 607-547-4230

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