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Dear Landlord/Property Manager,

CORONAVIRUS (COVID19) AND STAYING SAFE IN HOMES WITH SHARED FACILITIES

The Council is writing to you to raise awareness of the important current UK government advice for the coronavirus, with reference to rented properties for which you have a responsibility through ownership and/or management.

The Government advice can be found at:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877678/coronavirus-leaflet.pdf

We would request that you make every effort to ensure that both you and your tenants are aware of and follow this guidance as well as the landlord and tenant information and support available on our own website, which can be accessed at:

<https://www.northlincs.gov.uk/council-tax-benefits-and-housing/housing/landlords/>

Whilst we are also providing information directly to tenants, we would be grateful if you could ensure that a copy of the attached 'letter to residents' (also available on our website) is forwarded to all your tenants as soon as possible. Wherever it is safe to do so, we request that you ensure it is displayed in a prominent place at the property for all householders to read.

We would also remind you that as a landlord you should ensure that any common parts and shared facilities at the HMO are maintained in a clean condition, and that urgent health and safety matters at your properties must still be dealt with promptly, in line with Government guidance as detailed on the landlord and tenants section of our dedicated webpage above.

Under the current imposed lockdown persons are being encouraged to work from home but you should be aware that for many occupiers engaged in manual labour, this will not be possible. Depending on their contractual arrangements they may also be at risk of losing income during this period which will affect their ability to pay rent.

Therefore, you will need to be aware that the government have brought in emergency legislation to prevent private tenants from being evicted if they are unable to pay rent which can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/government-support-available-for-landlords-and-renters-reflecting-the-current-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

You are reminded that eviction by any means, other than through a court order is not lawful and the council will not hesitate to act where landlords attempt to evict or harass tenants illegally.

You can also find further information regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19) at our dedicate webpage below:

<https://www.northlincs.gov.uk/people-health-and-care/coronavirus-covid-19/>

We thank you for your cooperation at this difficult time.

Yours faithfully

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