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Dear Colleague,

I am asking for your support in responding to the COVID-19 outbreak.

This week the Government stepped up measures to prevent the spread of coronavirus. These are vitally important steps to encourage people to stay at home, and in doing so protect the NHS and save lives.

On Tuesday the Government published guidance outlining a list of circumstances in which businesses providing holiday accommodation should stay open. In particular, I want to make clear that where caravan and park home sites are housing people who would otherwise have nowhere to live, or are providing accommodation to key workers or vulnerable groups, such as homeless households, through arrangements with local authorities and other public bodies, they should remain open to those groups only and not remove them from their homes. The site should remain closed to those who are not key workers or vulnerable groups.

The published guidance makes these exceptions clear:
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-advice-for-accommodation-providers>

If your site has any vulnerable or self-isolating people without support networks that are, for instance, experiencing problems with food supply then please contact your local authority for further advice.

If closing your site as a result of the measures announced this week has made anybody homeless, you should immediately reverse this decision. I also ask that you work cooperatively with your local authority to provide accommodation to key workers and those who are homeless because of this crisis where needed.

This situation requires everyone to work together to save lives and provide care for some of the most vulnerable in our society.