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Dear CLIA Member and Partner

These are unprecedented times. The situation surrounding the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) continues to evolve. This afternoon, Governor Newsom and state public health officials announced that California is recommending that the most vulnerable people remain at home, including individuals 65 and older, those with underlying medical conditions, and many persons with disabilities.

In addition, the Governor emphasized a key priority to support unsheltered Californians by providing housing immediately to support their health and well-being and by extension, the well-being of all Californians. This is where you have an opportunity to step up and be a part of the solution.

The state is taking unprecedented, accelerated action to secure hotels and motels as appropriate sites to support this mission. **The Department of General Services and Department of Social Services are contacting specific hotels and motels to inquire about their ability and willingness to participate by leasing their entire stock of rooms to provide safe housing for the most vulnerable Californians.** The state will enter into lease agreements and provide funding for this purpose.

The state will provide further guidance and work with hotel owners on additional details related to the operation of these facilities once leased to the state, as well as the appropriate protocols and procedures any employer will need to employ to protect their staff's health and safety. In most cases, we expect that your staff could be redirected to other properties, or given paid leave based upon the lease payment revenues.

If you have not been contacted and wish to be considered, please send an e-mail indicating your property, location, capacity, and contact information, to CDSS at DepartmentOperationsCenter@dss.ca.gov.

We encourage you to step up to ensure this mission is successful. Simply put, it is our responsibility to help each other. California is depending on us to do the right thing. Thank you in advance for considering how best to contribute.

If you have any question, please contact me at bsinghallen@clia.org or (916) 925-2915.

Sincerely,

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