



Volusia County Emergency Plan for the Reopening of Short Term Vacation Rentals

Effective: May 22, 2020 at 6:17 P.M.

Pursuant to section 4 of Governor DeSantis' Executive Order Number 20-123, *Full Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*, the following constitutes the County of Volusia's safety plan ("Plan") for vacation rental operations.

- **Applicability.** This plan applies to the property owners, managers and occupants of all vacation rentals as defined by section 509.242(1)(c), Fla. Stat., allowed within the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Volusia County. This does not allow the use of vacation rentals in areas where they are prohibited. For more information on vacation rentals, please see [Vacation Rental Licensure Requirements](#). A city may opt out of this plan upon written notification to the county manager.
- **Minimum standards.** The property owner and manager for each vacation rental shall ensure compliance with the safety measures and best practices outlined in the guidance published by the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR), "Information for Vacation Rentals Pursuant to Executive Order 20-123 as Issued on May 15, 2020," a copy of which is available at [the Department's website](#). The recommended DBPR safety measures and best practices are adopted as minimum standards. The property owner and manager shall allow sufficient time between stays to comply with these minimum standards.
- **Regulations.** Vacation rental reservations from areas identified by executive order of the governor which require isolation or quarantine must be for periods longer than the mandated quarantine period. Guests occupying those vacation rentals must adhere to the quarantine restrictions.
- **Other information.** The property owner and manager will provide COVID-19

guidance of any local restrictions that are in place during the guest stay and other related local information. This information is found at [County Information](#).

- In addition, property owners and managers shall adhere to all DBPR sanitation guidelines already in place as addressed under [61C-3.001 Sanitation and Safety Requirements of the transient lodging statutes](#).
- In addition, property owners and managers shall follow the [CDC related guidelines that are for public spaces, businesses, schools and homes](#) which expand upon the State of Florida and DBPR requirements already in place for safety and sanitation for all lodging.
- Property owners and managers shall ensure those safety protocols referenced in this plan are in place and publicly displayed, regarding shared or multi-residence amenities such as pool, gyms, and other communal spaces.
- Property owners and managers shall supply any and all employees or contractors with [CDC related safety guidance](#) while operating in the short term rental industry units to alleviate the transmission of the virus and provide further protection for employees and guests.
- Property owners and managers shall supply guests with [CDC guidance](#) for guests traveling with pets and service/assistance animals if the property is pet friendly.
- Property owners and managers shall also share other [CDC resources](#) to any guest while staying in their units.
- **Providing plan to occupant(s).** The property owner and/or property manager shall provide a copy of this document to the occupant making the reservation by e-mail prior to stay which preserves the included hyperlinks.
- **Enforcement.** Any complaint received by the County that a property owner, property manager or occupant has failed to comply with any provision of this plan shall be reported to DBPR. This plan may be rescinded by the county manager.

Halsey Beshears, Secretary

Ron DeSantis, Governor

May 22, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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RE: DBPR Approval of County Plan for Vacation Rental Operations

Dear Mr. Recktenwald:

The Department of Business and Professional Regulation received your correspondence, dated May 19, 2020, requesting approval to permit the operation of vacation rentals in Volusia County pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order 20-123 as issued by Governor Ron DeSantis on May 15, 2020.

Based on the Department's review of the safety plan for vacation rental operations that accompanied your request, Volusia County has established the necessary plans for operation of vacation rentals at this time. Accordingly, I approve the operation of vacation rentals in Volusia County pursuant to the plans as submitted.

For additional information and guidance related to vacation rentals or other businesses regulated by the Department during the ongoing "Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery," I encourage you to monitor the Department's Emergency Information Page, available at: www.myfloridalicense.com/emergency.

As always, please contact the Department if our team can be of further assistance to you on this matter or other inquiries related to Volusia County in the future.

Very respectfully,



Halsey Beshears
Secretary, Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation