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Via E-mail (Halsey.Beshears@myfloridalicense.com)

Secretary Halsey Beshears
Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation
2601 Blair Stone Road
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2022

Re: Proposed Plan for Reopening Short Term Vacation Rentals (Volusia County)

Dear Secretary Beshears:

Section 4 of Governor DeSantis' Executive Order 20-123 authorizes counties to seek approval to operate vacation rentals through a written request and provision of the county's safety plan to the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation. Please consider this the County of Volusia's written request to allow the conditional reopening of vacation rentals in Volusia County. The enclosed plan adopts the Department's guidance and is intended to focus on the safety of our residents and visitors. In addition, the plan allows individual municipalities to opt out of the plan.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you or your staff have any questions at 386-740-5133 or grecktenwald@volusia.org. We hope this plan meets your approval.

Sincerely,

George Recktenwald
County Manager

Enclosure



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

Effective: **[Upon approval by DBPR]**

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.