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Re: Wakulla County Vacation Rental Reopening Plan

Dear Secretary Beshears,

Governor Ron Desantis recently issued Executive Order 20-123, which allowed for the resumption of vacation rentals in a County upon approval by the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation of a Vacation Rental Reopening Plan that includes safety protocol meeting DBPR standards.

Wakulla County hereby submits its Vacation Rental Reopening Plan for your consideration and approval. Thank you for your consideration and guidance in this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

David Edwards

County Administrator

Attachment

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WAKULLA COUNTY VACATION RENTAL REOPENING PLAN

Wakulla County will implement the following measures to enable vacation rentals within the County to begin taking reservations and accepting check-ins upon approval of this plan by the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation:

- Adequate time must be maintained between the conclusion of a guest stay and the check-in of the next guest stay for appropriate cleaning and sanitation;
- All frequently-touched surfaces in rental units must be cleaned and disinfected between each guest stay;
- All linens, dishware, and other service items available for use by guests must be washed between each guest rental;
- All vacation rental units must be equipped with sufficient soap and surface sanitation supplies for guests to utilize in the vacation rental property during the guest's rental period;
- All vacation rental units must ensure adequate safety protocols are in place and publicly displayed, in line with CDC guidance, regarding shared or multi-residence amenities such as pools, gyms, and other communal spaces;
- All vacation rentals must use mobile platforms for customer service and communication with guests, including the acceptance of payments by mobile or electronic method;
- All vacation rentals shall minimize direct guest contact with property owners or managers through remote check-in and check-out procedure;
- Signage or other notices regarding the cleaning practices that are completed prior to each guest stay shall be publicly displayed;
- All vacation rental units shall display signage or notices to guests in the rental property to frequently remind guests to take steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including the wiping and sanitation of touched surfaces; and
- This plan will be displayed on Wakulla County's website and reviewed and updated as needed.