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Secretary Halsey Beshears  
Department of Business and Professional Regulation  
2601 Blair Stone Road  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2202

RE: Hernando County Short-Term Vacation Rental Safety Plan

Dear Secretary Beshears:

In accordance with Governor Ron DeSantis' Executive Order 20-123, Hernando County respectfully submits the attached Short-Term Vacation Rental Safety Plan for your review and approval. This comprehensive plan provides for the safety of our citizens as well as our visitors by requiring property owners and managers to follow guidelines issued by your office, the Centers for Disease Control, and the Vacation Rental Management Association.

Should you have any questions or need additional information regarding our plan to safely reopen short-term vacation rentals, please contact me at the number listed above or email [Administration@hernandocounty.us](mailto:Administration@hernandocounty.us).

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeff Rogers".

Jeffrey Rogers  
County Administrator

Attachment



## Short-Term Vacation Rental Safety Plan

Property owners and managers shall follow the State of Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulations (DBPR) guidelines and recommended safety measures for Vacation Home Rentals. [DBPR Safety Measures](#)

All vacation rentals shall follow the SAFEHOME Vacation Rental Housekeeping Professional (VRHP) and Vacation Rental Management Association (VRMA) Cleaning Guidelines for COVID-19: [VRMA Guidelines](#)

Any person arriving from a highly infected area, as defined per the Governor's guidelines ([EO 20-82](#)), must reserve a minimum stay of 14 nights and follow CDC self-quarantine guidelines. For the safety of all residents and visitors, we will encourage our tourism partners not to rent to guests from high-risk areas.

Property owners and managers will follow the [CDC related guidelines](#) applicable to public spaces, businesses, schools and homes which expand upon the State of Florida & DBPR requirements already in place for safety and sanitation for all lodging.

Vacation rentals may not be used for events or group gatherings that exceed maximum occupancy.

Establishments should allow flexible time between stays for complete CDC cleaning and sanitization procedures.

Signage will be placed at each property highlighting the cleaning protocols between stays.

Property owners and managers should supply CDC related safety guidance to guests, employees, and/or contractors. This guidance is available in multiple languages at the [CDC website](#).