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Vacation rentals to reopen, plan approved by state

May 21, 2020 – Governor Ron DeSantis on Thursday approved Flagler County’s Vacation Rentals Safety Plan allowing bookings based on the guidelines set forth by the plan laid out by the Tourism Department and implemented by CDC standards.

“We want to build confidence in travelers and industry employees that their health and safety is a top priority,” said Tourism Director Amy Lukasik. “And, of course, we are happy for our businesses that they can re-open in at least a limited capacity.”

The top things both visitors and businesses need to know are as follows:

- Ten (10) person occupancy cap
- Reservations from International Travelers shall not be accepted, nor booking accepted
- Self-quarantining required for fourteen (14) days for any of the following visitors:
  - Any guest that has been on a cruise within fourteen (14) days of booking
  - Any guest that has been out of the continental United States within fourteen (14) days of booking
  - Quarantine Orders for New York Tri-State and State of Louisiana Travelers - anyone traveling from the New York tri-state area (New York, New Jersey or Connecticut) or the State of Louisiana are subject to a mandatory 14-day self-quarantine and reporting requirements.
- Specific cleaning protocols for Vacation Rentals are also in effect, which can be found here.
- Pre-arrival screening of guests to include home origin in addition to the FDOH Screening for COVID-19 found here.
- Maintain records of all bookings to include full name, address, email, phone number to be provided upon request by the FDOH in Flagler County or State Law Enforcement.
- Display COVID-19 Warning in all vacation rental units.
- Provide guests copies of the following Executive Orders:
  - 2020-03 Requirements on Individuals arriving from CT, NJ, NY and LA

Links to signs and executive orders are available on the Tourism Department’s website: https://www.visitflagler.com/vacation-rental-reopening/.

“We recognize the priority of keeping both our residents and visitors safe and are confident that these guidelines would allow for a safe reopening of short-term vacation rentals in Flagler County,” Lukasik said.

All residents and businesses are reminded to abide by Executive and Emergency Orders, and follow Florida Department of Health and CDC guidance.

Additionally, those who are sick and/or told to self-isolate are to: remain at home unless seeking medical care, cover coughs and sneezes, wear a facemask around others, and disinfect touched surfaces daily.

COVID-19 testing is available for Flagler County residents at a variety of locations, please visit www.FlaglerCounty.org, and following the links for COVID-19 and then select Screening & Testing for the latest options.

COVID-19 health related questions or concerns should be directed to your regular healthcare provider or the Florida Health hotline at 866-779-6121.

COVID-19 business concerns should be directed to the Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation at 866-532-1440.

All other COVID-19 government services questions or concerns may be directed your municipality or the Emergency Operations Center at 386-313-4200.

Check for current information on Flagler County’s website www.flaglercounty.org, and follow “Flagler County Government” or “Flagler County Emergency Management” on Social Media. The county’s social media team will provide updates through these official accounts:

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- Facebook.com/FlaglerCountyGovernment

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