

Santa Rosa County Plan to Reopen Short Term Vacation Rentals

As a supplement to the Full Phase 1 reopening across the state of Florida, Santa Rosa County will implement the following additional measures to enable vacation/short term rental units to begin taking reservations and accepting check-ins the week of May 18th:

- Vacation rentals reservations and stays will be allowed from all U.S. states with a COVID-19 Case Rate less than 500 cases/100K residents as of May 14th (<https://www.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/index.html>). Reservations from other identified COVID-19 hot spots in the country will be avoided for the next 30-45 days.
 - Property owners and managers shall provide a report weekly to the Santa Rosa County Tourism Development Office (first report due 5/22/2020) which includes all reservations (Arrival/Departure dates) and home zip codes of renters.
- Property owners and managers will provide COVID-19 guidance of any local restrictions that are in place during the guest stay and other related local information. The county has posted online all current information related to such restrictions so that it can be easily accessible to lodging operators and guests 24/7.
- Property owners and managers will adhere to all Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) sanitation guidelines already in place as addressed under [61C-3.001 Sanitation and Safety Requirements of the transient lodging statutes](#).
- Property owners and managers will follow the [CDC related guidelines that are for 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.
 - Lodging should be allowed flexible time between stays based upon the use of CDC cleaning and sanitization procedures. Lodging units being cleaned are all different and some will take more time or less time, depending upon the size of the unit being sanitized.
- Signage will be placed at each property highlighting the cleaning protocols between stays.
- Property owners and managers should 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 should supply guests with [CDC guidance](#) for guests traveling with pets and service/assistance animals if the property is pet friendly.
- Property owners and managers should also share [CDC resources](#) to any guest while staying in their units. These resources are available in multiple languages at the CDC website.

This plan will be reviewed at least bi-weekly and updated as necessary.