



## St. Lucie County Plan for Owners and Managers of Vacation Rentals

**Updated Friday, July 17, 2020**

The following measures are required as minimum standards for vacation / short-term vacation rentals in St. Lucie County, Florida.

St. Lucie County will continue implement a Vacation / Short-Term Vacation Plan with reporting requirements. These additional measures will enable vacation / short term rental units to continue taking reservations. This plan will be reviewed bi-weekly and updated as needed.

### Occupancy

- Ten (10) person occupancy cap for vacation rental units.

### Screening of Guests / Reservations

- Reservations made by guests from areas identified by Governor DeSantis through Executive Orders as high-risk (including CT, NJ and NY) are required to quarantine for the period established by that order. Areas may be added or deleted based upon further Executive Orders by the Governor without the need for further amendment of the plan.
- All components in Governor DeSantis' Plan for Florida's recovery must be followed. Click [here](#) for more information.
- Reservations from international travelers will not be accepted.
- On July 13, 2020, the St. Lucie County Administrator issued [Emergency Order No. 20-049](#) providing for persons to wear face coverings in public places.
  - Face coverings must be worn by all natural persons while obtaining or providing any goods or services or otherwise visiting or working in any indoor public place, business or establishment.
  - Face coverings must be worn by all natural persons while obtaining or providing any goods or services or otherwise visiting or working in outdoor public places, businesses and establishments if social distancing in accordance with CDC guidelines of at least six feet ( 6') between persons not of the same household cannot be consistently maintained.
  - Face coverings must be worn by all natural persons in restaurants and food service establishments whether indoors or outdoors except when actively consuming food or beverages.
  - It is the intent of this Order to seek voluntary compliance with the provisions contained herein and to educate and warn of the benefits of compliance and the dangers of noncompliance. Failure to comply may result in a citation(s).
  - This Order shall be effective on July 15, 2020, at 8:00 a.m., and will expire on August 15, 2020, or sooner, upon the expiration of the existing State of Local

Emergency, as same may be extended by subsequent order or declaration, whichever occurs earlier, unless earlier terminated by subsequent order or by the Board of County Commissioners.

- Property owners and managers shall provide a weekly report to the St. Lucie County Tourism Office which includes name of owner or manager, address of rental property, all reservations (Arrival & Departure dates) and home zip codes of renters. Reports should be emailed every Friday to [tourism@stlucieco.org](mailto:tourism@stlucieco.org).

### Health and Safety of Guests

- Self or contactless check-ins and check-outs are encouraged to cut down on face-to-face interactions.
- [CDC resources](#) must be provided to any guest while staying on property. These resources are available in multiple languages on the CDC website.
- [CDC guidance](#) must be provided to guests traveling with pets and service/assistance animals if the property is pet-friendly.
- To inform guests, signage will be placed at each property highlighting the cleaning protocols between stays.
- Extra time must be allowed for enhanced cleaning procedures to take place between stays based upon the use of CDC cleaning and sanitization procedures.
- All properties must provide local COVID-19 guidance for guests. St. Lucie County has a dedicated webpage that includes local information at <https://www.stlucieco.gov/departments-services/a-z/public-safety/covid-19>

### Cleanliness of the Property

- All Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) sanitation guidelines must be followed: [61C-3.001 Sanitation and Safety Requirements of the transient lodging statutes](#).
- [CDC related guidelines that are for public spaces, businesses, schools and homes](#) must be followed which expand upon the State of Florida and the Department of Business & Professional Regulation requirements for safety and sanitation for all lodging.
- Employees or contractors working in short-term rentals should be provided [CDC related safety guidance](#) to alleviate the transmission of the virus and provide further protection for employees and guests.
  - Employees or contractors shall be provided gloves and masks to be worn when interacting with the public.
  - Housekeeping personnel shall wear masks and gloves for each cleaning. If multiple members of the cleaning and/or rental staff are present at a property, they should practice social distancing and maintain at least 6 feet apart at all times, and wear masks and gloves.
  - All employees should have a wellness check upon arrival to work. The wellness check, at a minimum, will consist of a temperature check. Staff members who have a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher will not be permitted to work.
- Pool decks and other common areas will be monitored for cleanliness and disinfected regularly.
- Upon exit, guests should be asked to turn on all ceiling fans and/or HVAC fans to facilitate air circulation.

**This plan may be updated and/or amended every two (2) weeks, as necessary.**