

## Recommendations for Property Owners and Managers

To allow vacation rental reservations and the acceptance of arriving guests in Sarasota County beginning on May 22, 2020, the following plan will be implemented and was updated June 10, 2020.

### Reservations

- Reservations will not be permitted nor new guests accepted for check-in from areas identified by Gov. Ron DeSantis through Executive Order as high-risk (currently Connecticut, New Jersey and New York); reservations made prior to an area being designated as high-risk can be honored. Areas may be added or deleted based upon further Executive Order by the Governor without the need for further amendment of the plan.
- Reservations from areas identified by Florida's Governor as COVID-19 hot spots through Executive Orders are to be avoided for the next 45 days.
- Reservations from international travelers will not be accepted.

### Health and Safety of Guests

- The reservation and check in/check out process, communications with guests and the acceptance of payments should be done electronically to minimize direct guest contact.
- All Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation requirements and recommended safety measures related to vacation rentals should be followed; these may be updated from time to time
- Property owners and Managers must provide **CDC resources** to any guest while staying on property.
- Property owners and Managers must provide **CDC guidance** to guests traveling with pets and service/assistance animals if the property is pet-friendly.
- Property owners and managers must provide guests with Sarasota County local COVID-19 information from the dedicated webpage on [www.scgov.net](http://www.scgov.net).
- Property owners and Managers will provide employees or contractors working in short-term rentals the **CDC-related safety guidance** to alleviate the transmission of the virus and provide further protection for employees and guests.

### 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**.
- Maintain adequate time between the conclusion of a guest stay and the check-in of the next guest stay for appropriate cleaning and sanitation.
- To inform guests, place signage at each property highlighting the cleaning protocols between stays.

# Vacation Rental Reopening



## Hand Washing and Hand Sanitizer

**CDC guidelines** explain the need for all employees to engage in frequent hand washing for the duration of at least 20 seconds and use of hand sanitizer. Washing hands with soap and water is the preferable method. In situations where soap/water is not available, alcohol-based sanitizer is recommended. This should occur after any of the following activities: using the restroom, sneezing, touching the face, cleaning, smoking, eating, drinking, accepting items from a guest (ID, cash, credit card, key card), taking a break, and before a shift and as needed throughout the shift.

When possible, employees should wear gloves for added protection and sanitation efforts. Proper hand hygiene, in accordance with CDC guidelines, should be followed prior to and after removing the gloves.

Hand sanitizer dispensers should include **no less than 60% alcohol content**, where available, and touchless where possible. Place dispensers at key guest and employee entrances and contact areas. At a minimum, this should include lobby reception areas and employee entrances, but could also include any other reception areas, entire lobby areas, restaurant entrances, meeting spaces, elevator landings, pools, exercise areas and other public areas as applicable to the property.



## Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Follow **CDC recommendations** along with federal and local government regulations for instructions about when and how to wear PPE.



## Pools and Beaches

Allow at least 6 feet of separation between groups of guests.



## Guest Health Concerns

Report any presumed cases of COVID-19 at the property to local health officials. Employees exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 should remain or return home. While at work, employees who notice a coworker or guest exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 should immediately contact a manager.

At a minimum, vacation rentals should follow **CDC guidelines** for employers and businesses, including instructing employees to self-isolate for the required amount of time, as defined by the CDC, from the onset of symptoms, and be symptom-free for at least three days without medication.



## Case Notification

Report confirmed cases of COVID-19 to **local health authorities** in accordance with appropriate actions recommended by the **CDC**.



## Physical Distancing and Queuing

As recommended by the **CDC's social distancing guidelines**, advise guests to practice physical distancing by standing at least 6 feet away from other groups of people not traveling with them, including any area where guests or employees queue.

Clearly mark these areas for appropriate physical distancing, and where possible, encourage one-way guest flow with marked entrances and exits. When applicable, configure lobby furniture and other public seating areas to promote social distancing.