



The Honorable Halsey Beshears
Secretary
Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation
2601 Blair Stone Road
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1027

Re. Pasco County Vacation Rental Reopening Plan

Dear Secretary Beshears,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit Pasco County's plan for the safe reopening of vacation rentals. As you are aware, tourism is a primary economic driver for not only the State of Florida but Pasco County. In 2019 tourism supported over 7,870 jobs for local citizens while contributing over \$652 Million to our local economy in which vacation rentals play a significant role.

We respectfully request your approval of the Pasco County Vacation Rental Reopening Plan. Governor Ron DeSantis recently issued Executive Order 20-123, which allowed for the resumption of vacation rentals in a County upon approval by the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation of a Vacation Rental Reopening Plan that includes safety protocols meeting DBPR standards. Attached is a comprehensive safety plan to ensure the reopening is fashioned in a manner that is consistent with the Governor's approach of being "Smart.Safe.Step-by-Step." By approving this Reopening Plan, you will contribute significantly to the economic recovery of Pasco County.

Pasco County hereby submits its Vacation Rental Reopening Plan for your consideration and approval. Thank you again for your time, leadership, and support shown to the citizens and visitors of Pasco County.

Warm regards,

Dan Biles
Pasco County Administrator



Pasco County Vacation Rental Reopening Plan

Pursuant to Section 4 of Governor DeSantis’s Executive Order Number 20-123, *Full Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida’s Recovery*, the following constitutes the Pasco County’s Vacation Rental Reopening Plan (“Plan”) for vacation rental operations.

- **Applicability.** This Plan applies to the property owners, managers and occupants of all vacation rentals as defined by Section 509.242(1)(c), Fla. Stats., allowed within the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Pasco County. This Plan does not authorize the operation of vacation rentals where otherwise are prohibited by County Ordinance. For more information on vacation rentals in unincorporated Pasco County, please see [Pasco County Land Development Code Chapter 402.5.B](#).
- **Minimum Standards.** The property owner and manager for each vacation rental shall ensure compliance with the safety measures and best practices outlined in the guidance published by the [Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation \(DBPR\)](#), “Information for Vacation Rentals Pursuant to Executive Order 20-123 as Issued on May 15, 2020,” a copy of which is available at the Department’s website. The recommended DBPR safety measures and best practices are adopted as minimum standards.
- **Regulations.** Vacation rental reservations from areas identified by an Executive Order of the Governor which require isolation or quarantine shall be complied with. Guests occupying those vacation rentals must adhere to the quarantine restrictions.
- **Other Information and Requirements.** The property owner or manager shall provide COVID-19 guidance of any local restrictions that are in place and other related local information during the guest stay. This information is found at [County Information](#).



- Vacation Rental property owners and rental management companies shall submit their reopening plans to the Pasco County Current Planning Division/Zoning.
- Acceptance of reservations from international travelers shall be consistent with applicable Executive Order of the Governor.
- Reservation and stays will be allowed from U.S. States with a COVID-19 case rate of less than 500 cases/100K residents as of May 18. <https://www.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/index.html>. Reservations from areas identified by Florida's Governor as COVID-19 hot spots through an Executive Orders are prohibited until said Orders are repealed or lifted.
- Reservations shall be spaced so as to provide a reasonable timeframe between the last exit from a property and next entry as is necessary for the appropriate sanitation of the rental consistent with the [CDC related guidelines that are for public spaces, businesses, schools and homes](#).
- Property owners and managers shall adhere to all DBPR sanitation guidelines already in place as addressed under [61C-3.001 Sanitation and Safety Requirements of the transient lodging statutes](#).
- In addition, property owners and managers shall follow the [CDC related guidelines that are for public spaces, businesses, schools and homes](#) which expand upon the State of Florida and DBPR requirements already in place for safety and sanitation for all lodging. Those CDC guidelines shall be in place and publicly displayed in shared or multi-residence amenities such as pool, gyms, and other communal spaces.
- Property owners and managers shall supply all employees and contractors with [CDC related safety guidance](#) while operating in the rentals to alleviate the transmission of the virus and provide further protection for employees and guests.



- Property owners and managers shall supply guests with [CDC guidance](#) for guests traveling with pets and service/assistance animals if the property is pet friendly.
- Property owners and managers shall also share other [CDC resources](#) to any guest while staying in their units.
- The number of guests in each rental shall be limited to no more than 10 persons and expand in accordance with State guidelines as new Phases are entered.
- Vacation rentals may not be used for events or group gatherings that exceed maximum occupancy of the rental. Only guests whose names are on the reservation are authorized to stay in the rental.
- For additional guidance for proper disinfection, sanitation and safety measures please refer to the [Vacation Rental Management Association \(VRMA\) and Vacation Rental Housekeeping Professional cleaning guidelines for COVID-19](#).
- **Providing Plan to Guest(s).** The property owner or property manager shall provide a copy of this Plan to the guest making the reservation by e-mail which preserves the included hyperlinks, prior to stay.
- **Enforcement.** Any complaint received by Pasco County that a property owner, property manager or guest has failed to comply with any provision of this Plan shall be reported to DBPR.

As the COVID-19 situation remains fluid, this Plan may be rescinded or amended at the discretion of the County Administrator and updated as necessary. As with all our reopening strategies, public health and safety is at the forefront in addressing reopening of the vacation rental sector in Pasco County.