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Governor DeSantis not ready to rescind vacation short term rentals

Only hotels, motels and timeshares can accept reservations and guests starting today

Fort Myers Beach, Fla. – Florida Governor Ron DeSantis stated today that he is not ready to rescind the vacation short term rental ban but will consider a county plan if submitted.

In the Town of Fort Myers Beach, reservations made for occupancy starting today need to be cancelled. Only hotels, motels, and timeshares can start accepting reservations today - and going forward - for occupancy as early as today. The Town will strictly enforce the ban order instituted by the Governor should rental owners or property managers fail to comply.

Short term vacation rentals are defined as 30 days or less.

Following guidelines set by state and federal officials, the Town Council of Fort Myers Beach adopted the re-opening date of Friday, May 15, 2020, for hotels, motels and timeshares in the Town. This decision can be revisited by Town Council at any time based on changes in COVID-19 circumstances or governmental directives on a local, state or federal level.

Town Council's declarations and decisions in the continually emerging circumstances surrounding COVID-19 can be found on the Town's website at

<https://www.fortmyersbeachfl.gov/>, "Corona Virus Updates – Town" under the "Quick Links" column.

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The Town of Fort Myers Beach is on Estero Island off the southwest Florida coast of the Gulf of Mexico. The beach stretches for seven miles and the Town has a variety of unique parks, recreation, and cultural facilities, shops, and restaurants. The Town has been incorporated since 1995.