



# Keep Vinalhaven Healthy

## Short-term Rental/Lodging Guide\*

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### For Short-term Rental/Lodging OWNERS and MANAGERS



**What do I have to do before checking in a short-term renter to ensure they have met the quarantine or testing requirement?**

People who are not residents of Maine, New Hampshire or Vermont must complete a **Certificate of Compliance** form to state they have received a negative COVID-19 test result, have already quarantined in Maine, or will quarantine in Maine for 14 days. The form must be provided and filled out either prior to or at the time of check-in. The visitor will also be asked to confirm they are not experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. Lodging establishments will retain a copy of all Certificates of Compliance for 30 days.



**How am I required to communicate Maine's quarantine and testing requirements to guests prior to their arrival?**

Lodging establishments or rental managers are required, at the time of reservation or prior to the guests stay, to inform visitors of Maine's requirements for quarantine or testing and to provide the Certificate of Compliance in advance by phone or electronically, if email or online confirmation is possible, or via the mail if time allows. Reminders and links to Maine's CDC resources, testing locations, and visitor information, such as this FAQ are encouraged.



**Do I (or my staff) need to check symptoms daily for guests and staff?**

Maine's **COVID-19 Prevention Checklist for Lodging\*** requires daily symptom checks for all staff but not for guests. The US CDC has released guidance for lodging and restaurant businesses which may be helpful in answering additional questions about employee and guest safety.

### For Short-term RENTERS from states other than NH and VT\*



**What are Maine's policies for visitors traveling from out-of-state?**

Maine has two options for visitors from other states:  
**1) getting a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours prior to arrival; or**  
**2) maintaining compliance with a 14-day quarantine upon arrival in Maine.**



**Why is Maine exempting residents from New Hampshire and Vermont?**

Maine is exempting residents of New Hampshire and Vermont from the testing and 14-day quarantine requirements because when adjusted for population, the prevalence of active cases of COVID-19 in these states is similar to Maine's, as compared to other states in the northeast.



**Does every member of my household need to be tested before coming to Maine?**

Adults must receive a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours prior to arrival in Maine, but children 18 years and younger travelling with adults are exempt from testing.



**Does Maine accept an "antibody" test as a COVID compliant test?**

Maine only accepts PCR-based tests to qualify as an exception to the 14-day quarantine rule and does not accept antibody testing for this purpose at this time. A rapid ID NOW test may be used for the purpose of an alternative to quarantine.



**Can I quarantine at my rental during my visit to Maine instead of getting a test?**

Yes. You may choose to quarantine at your rental or place of lodging if you follow Maine CDC and Vinalhaven guidelines for quarantine.



**If I can't schedule a COVID-19 test prior to my travel to Maine, can I get tested in Maine?**

Maine strongly urges testing before you leave home or enter Maine so that you **"know before you go."** Websites like Get Tested COVID-19\*\* show local testing options nationwide.



**How will I show evidence of a negative test or quarantine?**

You will be required to complete a Certificate of Compliance prior to, or upon arrival, at your lodging establishment or rental. The certificate requires each visiting adult to attest they either have had a negative test for COVID-19 within 72 hours upon arrival or will comply with quarantine requirements. You must also attest you are not experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.

\*Go to [www.maine.gov/covid19/restartingmaine/keepmainehealthy/faqs](https://www.maine.gov/covid19/restartingmaine/keepmainehealthy/faqs) for complete Keep Maine Healthy FAQs and to [www.maine.gov/decd/checklists/lodging](https://www.maine.gov/decd/checklists/lodging) for Lodging Safety Guidelines and Checklists

\*\*Go to [get-tested-covid19.org](https://get-tested-covid19.org)