

# Tourist Rooming Houses

Travel by infected persons can spread COVID 19 from state to state and community to community, so it is critical that the tourism and hospitality industry take a leading role in protecting the lives and health of Wisconsinites. Although the statewide Safer at Home Order is no longer in place, the science and data supporting best practices for COVID-19 prevention have not changed.

## Keep Your Staff Safe

- Staff should wear gloves when cleaning. Consider other PPE equipment like cloth masks.
- Educate employees on handwashing. Make sure staff is washing hands after cleaning and before eating or drinking.
- Do not allow staff to work when ill. They need to be symptom free at least 3 days before returning to work.
- Recommend use of EPA-registered household disinfectant or bleach solution below.
- Do not shake dirty laundry. Recommend guests remove all bedding prior to check out.
- Encourage guests to reserve & pay online and to call in requests.

## Keep Your Guests Safe

- Disinfect commonly touched surfaces - remote controls, light switches or lamps, phones, doorknobs, cabinet knobs, refrigerator doors, railings and hair dryer.
- Consider allowing an extra day for rented rooms to sit between guests, as soft surfaces are difficult to clean and sanitize between guests.
- Launder all bedding between guests-this includes blankets and duvet covers on comforters.
- Remove decorative bedding that cannot be laundered between guests.
- Sanitize all multi-use utensils, dinnerware and glassware, if provided, after each guest stay.
- Guests are limited to members of a single household or living unit. All other private gatherings of any number of people are prohibited.

## Housekeeping, Cleaning, and Sanitizing

- ✓ Use 1/3 C bleach to 1 gallon room temperature water to make disinfecting solution. Do not add soap or other cleaners to this mixture. Use in a spray bottle or in your sanitizing bucket. Follow manufacturer guidance for other disinfectants.
- ✓ Disinfect all high contact areas, including those you may not regularly disinfect - Entrance & Exit Doors, door knobs, cabinets, refrigerator doors, alarm clocks, stair railings, tables, TV, DVD players and DVD's, chairs and room keys/cards/locks.
- ✓ The front desk, needs to be cleaned frequently. If possible, provide disposable disinfectant wipes to front-of-house staff to disinfect surfaces between guests.
- ✓ Launder all items according to the manufacturer's instructions. Use the warmest water and dryer settings allowed according to the manufacturer's instruction.
- ✓ Provide and maintain adequate handwashing supplies (hand soap, running water, disposable hand towels, waste cans, etc.) and hand sanitizer.
- ✓ Remove other commonly touched surfaces that cannot be disinfected - cabin journals, books, DVD's, magazines, and common food containers (salt, pepper, coffee).