

The Formentera Departments of Tourism Planning and Interior are pleased to offer owners of vacation rentals a clause which aims to tackle disturbances and conduct that is at odds with Covid-19 protocol. The document highlights current restrictions on social gatherings in domestic spaces, including the ban on parties, and asks tourists to pledge to comply with rules, informing them that violators risk immediate nullification of their rental agreement. Renters are also asked for details about other houseguests, with co-renters subject to applicable fines.

"This document is intended to educate tourists when they first get here so that they know their obligations", said President Ferrer. "Plus it creates legal support for property owners and law enforcement agencies so they can act faster and coordinate their response".

The document will be sent to tourist boards, estate agencies and tour operators, and can be downloaded in Catalan, Spanish and English from the Covid section of the Consell de Formentera website, sub-section 'Covid Clause - Rentals'.

Last week a list of vacation rental properties, together with the names and telephone numbers of the people and tourism businesses who own them, was delivered to Formentera Local Police in an effort to improve local law enforcement's response to house parties. Ferrer said that the new document, which she described as "a step forward" and "clear progress", would also mean expanded collaboration.

Signed documents are sent to FLP so that, if need be, a fine can be issued. Owners will also receive assistance as necessary from law enforcement in making renters vacate the premises.

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