



FLORIDA RESTAURANT & LODGING ASSOCIATION

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Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association to Distribute 50,000 Masks to First Coast Hospitality Workers

JACKSONVILLE – Beginning Monday, September 14, through Wednesday, September 16, the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association (FRLA) Northeast Chapter will distribute 50,000 complimentary washable, reusable cloth masks to local hospitality employees at regional giveaway events.

The event is part of an ongoing statewide effort to provide masks to bar, hotel, and restaurant workers across the State of Florida and is a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association. To date, HHS has donated nearly **one million masks** for distribution to hospitality employees across Florida.

What: FRLA mask giveaway event for local hospitality employees (bars, brewery, restaurants and hotels). We are hosting three separate events to allow easy access for our region.

St. Johns County/St. Augustine

When: Monday, September 14, 2020: 9-11 a.m. and 2-4 p.m.
Where: St. Augustine Distillery, 112 Riberia Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084
Who: Philip McDaniel, Owner of the St. Augustine Distillery
Scott Wellington, President, FRLA Northeast Chapter, GM Aloft Jacksonville Hotel
Anthony Sexton, President, FRLA Florida Inns Chapter, Owner of the Victorian House Bed & Breakfast

Duval County/Jacksonville

When: Tuesday, September 15, 2020: 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon
Where: Sight & Sound Productions, 3636 Beachwood Court, Jacksonville, FL 32224
Who: Jon Davis, Owner of Sight & Sound Productions
Scott Wellington, President, FRLA Northeast Chapter, GM Aloft Jacksonville Hotel
Michael Corrigan, President & CEO, Visit Jacksonville

Nassau County/Fernandina Beach

When: Wednesday, September 16, 2020: 12 noon- 3 p.m.

Where: Fernandina Beach Main Street office (outside in front), 309 ½ Center Street,
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

Who: Arlene Filkoff, Executive Director, Fernandina Beach Main Street
Olivia Hoblit, FRLA State Officer and Executive Board member, Regional General
Manager, Innisfree Hotels

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