

BARRINGTON TOWN MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE

Dear Residents, Businesses, and Community Partners,

Thank you to our residents for getting vaccinated! As we move closer to Memorial Day weekend, graduation ceremonies, summer camps, and other activities, the best way to more forward and remain safe is to get vaccinated.

Rhode Island's percent positivity rate, as it relates to COVID-19, is down again from last week, now 1.5% (from 1.6%). Rhode Island has now administered over 1,038,857 vaccines (478,884 fully vaccinated).

Barrington Public Schools is hosting a vaccination clinic on May 22nd. For more details, see here.

Beginning Monday, May 17th the residency requirement for vaccinations will be remove — meaning visitors to Rhode Island can get vaccinated here.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated its <u>mask-wearing guidelines</u> for fully-vaccinated Americans, however, the State of Rhode Island has not made a determine on its guidance yet. More information to come next week.

COVID-19 Vaccine Information

Current Eligibility: All Rhode Islanders ages 16 and older, and those that work in R.I. are eligible.

Transportation: R.I. Public Transit Authority is offering free fares to those going to and from vaccination appointments. People with vaccine appointments can <u>email</u> or call 401-781-9400.

Vaccines for Veterans: The Providence Veterans Medical Center offers vaccines for veterans daily. For more information click <u>here</u> or call 401-273-7100 ext. 16226.

Homebound Vaccinations: If you are homebound and have not requested a vaccine, please do so through this survey: http://bit.ly/homeboundvax.

Options for Rhode Islanders 16+ to be vaccinated:

- **1. State Sites:** Register for a vaccine <u>here</u> or call 844-930-1779. No appointment needed at the Cranston, Providence and Middletown sites.
- **2. Regional Sites:** Located in East Providence, Johnston and Westerly. Register for an appointment here.
 - a. No appointment needed for East Providence site, Shaw's, 585 Taunton Avenue. Open Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
- 3. Pharmacies: CVS, Walgreens, Walmart, Stop and Shop (no appointment needed)
- **4.** Lifespan Clinic and Care New England Clinic

A reminder that the Pfizer vaccine has been approved for use with 12- to 15-year-olds. For more information on vaccines, visit: https://covid.ri.gov/vaccination. Sign up for RIDOH's weekly vaccination newsletter here. The CDC recently updated recommendations for fully vaccinated people. View what you can do once fully vaccinated.

New Grant and Assistance Programs

- Housing Assistance Program
- Restaurant Relief Program
- Shuttered Venue Operators
- FEMA Funeral Assistance

Barrington Updates

Information on our summer camps is now available, here.

The East Bay Food Pantry is offering new outdoor programs and events, such as choosing your own food, kids food meals, fresh produce and senior boxes. Learn more: eastbayfoodpantry.org

Beach passes for residents will become available on Monday, May 24th at 10am. Learn more here.

Learn more about down payment assistance for first time home buyers, here.

Volunteers are needed to serve on the Resilience and Energy Committee and Zoning Board of Review. Learn more here.

Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation. Let's overcome this virus!

Stay positive and test negative,

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Additional Resources	
RIDOH COVID-19 Hotline	401-222-8022 or <u>email</u>
United Way 24/7 Hotline	2-1-1
R.I. Reopening Guidelines	<u>Here</u>
Statewide Testing	Make an appointment
COVID-19 Business Testing Contact	To register: 888-662-4354 or
<u>Center</u>	RIDOH.COVID19BizTesting@health.ri.gov
American Red Cross	(833) 492-0094
Children's Behavioral Health Issues	<u>Kids' Link</u> , or call 1-855-543-5465
Mental Health and Substance Use Help	BH Link Hotline: 401-414-LINK (5465)
	24/7 Walk-In Center: 975 Waterman Ave., East
	Providence
Delivery Services for those in Quarantine	RI Delivers: call 2-1-1 or 401-462-4444
Housing & Rental Assistance	Call 2-1-1 and visit <u>here</u> .
RI Coalition Against Domestic Violence	<u>Visit</u> or call 1-800-494-8100
Business Assistance	www.commerceri.com, 401-521-4357 (HELP),
	info@commerceri.com
Small Business Administration Loans	<u>Visit</u>

The fastest way to end this pandemic and safely re-open our economy is by getting vaccinated!