



BARRINGTON TOWN MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE

Dear Barrington Residents, Businesses, and Community Partners,

I hope you are doing well and staying safe. As we mark almost a year since the first case of COVID-19 in Rhode Island, Council President Carroll and I want to thank our first responders for their tireless efforts and bravery; our town staff and teachers for their all-hands-on deck approach; our community partners for always stepping up to help those in need; and our residents for doing their part to keep cases low in our community. It has been a difficult and exhausting year, but there is an end in sight. Until we are all vaccinated, please continue to remain vigilant and safe. If you need assistance, we can connect you to the resources that you need; please reach out to my office: 401-247-1900 x5 or call 2-1-1 (available 24/7).

Rhode Island's COVID-19 positivity rate continues to remain low at 2.1% for the week, and 225,551 vaccinations have been administered statewide.

Locally, we are proud to have vaccinated 270 of residents 75 years and older. However, we continue to have a limited supply of vaccines. We are working with our regional vaccination POD and the state to determine supply and additional support moving forward.

COVID-19 Vaccine

There are currently three options for Rhode Islanders **65 years of age or older** to be vaccinated:

1. **State Sites:** Register for a vaccine at the two state sites in Providence and Cranston here: <https://www.vaccinateri.org/> or call 844-930-1779.
2. **Pharmacies:** [CVS](#) and [Walgreens](#) are now accepting online reservations.
3. Register for a **Lifespan Clinic:** <http://bit.ly/LifespanVax>

If you are **75 years of age or older** and a Barrington resident:

- Register for a vaccine at our local clinic [here](#) or call the Peck Center for Adult Enrichment at (401) 247-1926 between 8:30am and 4:30pm Monday-Friday.
- Priority for vaccinations will be from oldest to youngest each week.

If you are unable to leave home to receive a COVID-19 vaccination, or are the healthcare provider or family caregiver of someone who is homebound, please inform RIDOH through the following form: <http://bit.ly/homeboundvax>.

For more information on vaccines, visit: <https://covid.ri.gov/vaccination>. Sign up for RIDOH's weekly vaccination newsletter [here](#).

COVID-19 Testing

Please consider getting tested on a weekly basis. Our local rapid **asymptomatic** testing site will stay open indefinitely. Appointments are not necessary. No wait and results in 15 minutes.

In addition, rapid and PCR testing is available at various locations throughout the state. A full list of locations is located [here](#). To make an appointment click [here](#).














COVID-19 Guidelines

As a reminder, the state is operating under the following guidelines:

Protect Your Household. Wear a Mask.

NEW: Social gatherings limited to 2 households indoors or 3 households outdoors

CATEGORY	TODAY - 2/11	BEGINNING 2/12
 VENUES OF ASSEMBLY/ HOUSES OF WORSHIP	25% capacity, 6-foot spacing, max of 125 people	40% capacity, 6-foot spacing, max of 125 people
 BAR AREAS	Closed	Max 4 people (2 households) per party, min 6' spacing or 3' spacing with barriers, max 90 min, 11PM closure
 INDOOR DINING	50% capacity, 2 households per table up to 8 people	
 GYMS & SPORT FACILITIES	1 person per 125 sq. ft., 6 feet spacing	
 INDOOR RECREATION	1 person per 125 sq. ft., 6 feet spacing	
 PERSONAL SERVICES	Open	
 SCHOOL & CHILD CARE	Open	
 CATERED EVENTS	30 people indoors, 50 people outdoors; with testing	
 MANUFACTURING & CONSTRUCTION	Open	
 OFFICES	Up to 33% in person; remote still preferred	
 RETAIL	1 person per 100 sq. ft. (big box = 1 per 150 sq. ft.)	

- Wear a mask when outside of your home, even in the outdoors.
- Keep your social interactions limited to members of one additional household when indoors, and two additional households when gathering outdoors.
- Self-isolate whenever possible. Work from home. Shop locally online.

Local Reminders

A reminder that there is a [special election](#) on Tuesday, March 2nd. For those who are voting by mail, ballots must be received by 8:00 pm on March 2nd. Early/emergency voting is open until March 1st at the Barrington Board of Canvassers office located at Town Hall (283 County Rd.). In person voting on election day will be held at Town Hall only.

- Monday March 1st: 8:30am – 4:00pm
- Tuesday, March 2nd: Town Hall Chambers Polling Location, 7:00am – 8:00pm

The U.S. Small Business Association announced an exclusive access period for the Paycheck Protection Program for small businesses with fewer than 20 employees for the next 14 days (starting 2/24). Find out more and apply, here: <http://ow.ly/JVqi50DGZrY>

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

Sincerely,

Jim . . .

Resources	
RIDOH COVID-19 Hotline	401-222-8022 RIDOH.COVID19Questions@health.ri.gov
United Way 24/7 Hotline	2-1-1
Statewide Testing	Make an appointment
K-12 Testing	844-857-1814 or Schedule Online
Flu Vaccines	https://health.ri.gov/flu/
American Red Cross	(833) 492-0094
Children's Behavioral Health Issues	Kids' Link, a service administered by Bradley Hospital/Lifespan at 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 RI Thrives
Housing Assistance	Call 2-1-1 or visit here .
Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence	Call 1-800-494-8100
Business Assistance	www.commerceri.com , 401-521-4357 (HELP), info@commerceri.com
Enhanced Capital Rhode Island Small Business Loan Program	Applications now available here
Small Business Association Loans	Visit