



BARRINGTON TOWN MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE

Dear Barrington Residents, Businesses, and Community Partners,

I hope you are well. Rhode Island's cases of COVID-19 continue to average between 300-400 per day (2.4% weekly positivity rate). With highly contagious variants of the virus still present, it is important to wear [high-quality masks](#), wash your hands, limit large gatherings, and keep your distance. Statewide 648,334 doses have been administered and 275,464 people have been fully vaccinated.

COVID-19 Vaccine

Additional Vaccine Appointments: Today (4/9) at 5 p.m., roughly 20,000 vaccine appointments will be posted on www.vaccinateRI.org.

Current Eligibility: People age 50 and older who live, work, or go to school in Rhode Island.

Expanded Eligibility:

- Monday, April 12th residents ages 40 and older can register.
- Monday, April 12th, those 16 and older who live and work in the hard-hit zip codes of 02893, 02906, 02910, 02920, 02911, 02914, and 02919 will be eligible to register.
- Starting April 19th, all Rhode Islanders ages 16 and older will be eligible.

Vaccines for Veterans: The Providence Veterans Medical Center is hosting several vaccination clinics in April. For a schedule visit [here](#). For more information or concerns click [here](#) or call 401-273-7100 ext. 16226.

Homebound Vaccinations: Those that are homebound and filled out the state's survey may receive calls from one of these three vendors: MedTech, Alert Ambulance, and PACERI, in order to schedule at date/time to receive their vaccination at the address they provided. If you are homebound and have not requested a vaccine, please do so through this survey: <http://bit.ly/homeboundvax>.

New Clinics: Barrington was proud to partner with our neighboring communities this week to open a new clinic in East Providence. Additional regional clinics were opened in Johnston and Westerly. Appointments will be made available through the state's vaccine [sign-up portal](#).

Pre-Register: Rhode Islanders can now preregister for the vaccine on portal.ri.gov or by calling 844-930-1779.

Options for [eligible Rhode Islanders](#) to be vaccinated:

1. **State Sites:** Register for a vaccine [here](#) or call 844-930-1779.
2. **Regional Sites:** Located in East Providence, Johnston and Westerly. Appointments are required. Visit <https://www.vaccinateri.org/>.
3. **Pharmacies:** [CVS](#), [Walgreens](#), [Walmart](#), [Stop and Shop](#).
4. [Lifespan Clinic](#)

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 is still open. Appointments are not necessary. No wait and results in 15 minutes.

For a full list of locations statewide click [here](#). To make an appointment click [here](#).



New Housing Assistance Program

Rhode Island Housing launched a \$200 million statewide rental assistance program – RentRelief RI – for tenants and landlords who have been hurt financially by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Applications are now open: <https://rihousing.com/rentreliefri/>

New Grant Program for Shuttered Venue Operators

The [U.S. Small Business Administration](#) has officially opened the [Shuttered Venue Operators Grant \(SVOG\) application portal](#) for operators of live venues, live performing arts organizations, museums, movie theatres, as well as live venue promoters, theatrical producers, and talent representatives. For more information and a list of resource partners that can provide application guidance, click [here](#).

FEMA Funeral Assistance

On April 12th, FEMA will begin accepting applications for a Funeral Assistance Program for COVID-19-related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020. Visit their FAQ page for eligibility requirements and more details [here](#).

Local Updates

April is designated as Distracted Drivers Awareness Month. The Barrington Police Department will be joining a nationwide effort to reduce distracted driving with increased enforcement. Please focus on the road and put the phones down while driving. U Drive. U Text. U Pay.



For summer employment and other job opportunities, please visit: <https://www.barrington.ri.gov/job-opportunities>

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

Stay positive and test negative,

Jim . . .

Resources	
RIDOH COVID-19 Hotline	401-222-8022 RIDOH.COVID19Questions@health.ri.gov
United Way 24/7 Hotline	2-1-1
Re-Opening Guidelines	https://reopeningri.com/
Statewide Testing	Make an appointment
K-12 Testing	844-857-1814 or Schedule Online
<u>COVID-19 Business Testing Contact Center</u>	To register: 888-662-4354 or RIDOH.COVID19BizTesting@health.ri.gov
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 and 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
Small Business Administration Loans	Visit