



Barrington Town Manager's Weekly Update

Dear Barrington Residents, Businesses, and Community Partners:

I hope you are staying safe and feeling healthy. I am proud to say that Barrington residents have overwhelmingly been following state and local health guidelines. I want to thank you for your continued cooperation and patience.

Whether you are at the market, park, beach, or a restaurant please wear a face covering while in common areas. As temperatures rise and the humidity sets in, it is tempting to remove your mask. In the long run, being lax or ignoring health guidance will only lead to a rise in cases and put us back to square one. Please be patient with our small business owners as they navigate this difficult period.

Today, Governor Raimondo announced an eviction diversion effort, the Safe Harbor Housing Program, to serve as an alternative to the traditional eviction process and provide landlords and tenants an opportunity to work towards a solution outside of the court system. Tenants who are behind in their rent because of COVID-19 and in danger of eviction, or who have already received an eviction notice, can call 211 starting Monday to be connected to the program.

Overview of Phase 3 of Rhode Island's re-opening:

- Stay home if you are sick
- Face coverings must be worn in public—both indoors and outdoors—whenever six feet of social distance cannot be maintained.
- Frequently wash your hands or use hand sanitizer
- **Social gatherings:**
 - Indoor setting: Limit of 25 people
 - Outdoor settings: Limit of 50 people
- **Out of state travelers:** If you are coming to Rhode Island from one of the states listed [here](#) with a positivity rate of COVID-19 greater than 5%, you will either have to self-quarantine for 14 days while in Rhode Island, or produce proof of a negative test for COVID-19 that was taken within 72 hours prior to arrival. For more information, visit the [RIDOH website](#).
- For more information on restaurants, close contact business, and other information, visit: <https://www.reopeningri.com/>

Barrington Financial Town Meeting

I want to take this opportunity to provide details regarding the Financial Town Meeting and our efforts to keep everyone safe.

Meeting Date & Time: Saturday, July 18th
Registration begins at 8:00 AM
Meeting begins at 9:00 AM

Rain Date: Sunday, July 19th
Alternative Rain Date: Saturday, July 25th

Requirements:

- Bring license, pen, lawn chair, sunscreen, hat, and water.
- Sit with 10 feet physical distancing between households.

Logistics:

- Seating will be in the grandstand and on all athletic fields.
- A robust speaker system will be used.
- Meeting will be simulcast for viewing a smart devices.
- Parking
 - Victory Gate parking lot for seniors.
 - BHS parking lot.
 - County Road Park & Ride – gate will be open with BPD crossing guard.
- There will be two tents on the field for seniors and the disabled.
- Meeting will be broadcast on the radio for those that would prefer to remain in their vehicles. You will have to leave your vehicle to vote.
- Eagle's Nest will be open for refreshments.
- Bathrooms will be available in BHS and continually sanitized.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Jim . . .

COVID-19 Resources

Testing:

As a reminder, the Department of Health is encouraging high-contact workers who are asymptomatic to make an [appointment](#) or call 401-222-8022 for testing at no cost at:

- Rhode Island National Guard testing site at the Community College of Rhode Island Rhode Island National Guard testing site at Rhode Island College
- Stop & Shop, Manton Avenue and West River St., Providence
- Stop & Shop, Cottage St., Pawtucket
- Stop & Shop, Warwick Avenue, Cranston

If you are feeling sick and exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms, visit the Department of Health's [self checker](#) and schedule a test:

- Call your healthcare provider (if you have one) to get an order for a COVID-19 test at one of the drive-up testing sites.
- Call a Respiratory Clinic View. View all locations [here](#).
- Go to the CVS [website](#) to be pre-screened for testing and to get an appointment (adult 18+ only).
- High contact workers that are a symptomatic, can schedule an appointment [here](#) or call 401-222-8022

General Information:

- **Re-Opening Rhode Island's Economy:** For information on the current phase of re-opening, guidance and support, visit: <https://www.reopeningri.com/>
- **COVID Guidance in Multiple Languages:** For guidance documents and support in multiple languages, please visit <https://health.ri.gov/covid/multiplelanguages/>
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- **CRUSH COVID RI Mobile App:** All Rhode Islanders are encouraged to use [CRUSH COVID RI](#), a pandemic response mobile app that's available on smartphones. The app provides Rhode Islanders easy access to all the resources required during the public health crisis, including a location diary that helps users identify the people and places they are in contact with and a symptom checking survey.
- **COVID-19 Governor's Daily Update:** Sign-up [here](#).
- **RI Department of Health COVID-19 Data:** [Visit RIDOH](#).

- **Behavioral Health Resources**

- Adults seeking mental or behavioral health support should call BH Link at 414-LINK (5465). For services for children, call 1-855-543-5465.
- People with moderate to severe opioid use disorder (OUD) can access telehealth service for initiation of buprenorphine treatment at 401-606-5456.

- **Business Support**

- **Reopening the Economy:** For constituents seeking assistance with the reopening of the economy, guidance documents for childcare, faith-based organization, retail, restaurants, and transit can be found on <https://www.reopeningri.com/>
- **COVID-19 Control Plan:** Must be completed and kept on-hand. Template available [here](#).
- **Department of Business Regulations COVID-19 guidance** documents and business assistance can be found on <https://dbr.ri.gov/>. COVID-19 questions or complaints can be asked at <https://dbr.ri.gov/critical/>.
- **Business Assistance:** For business economic support, constituents should visit www.commerceri.com, call Commerce RI at 401-521-4357 (HELP), or email them at info@commerceri.com.
- **Financial Support:** For questions or assistance for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and Economic Injury Disaster Loans dispersed by the Small Business Administration, please email ppp@commerceri.com.
- **PPE for Small Businesses:** Small businesses with fewer than 50 employees can access a month's worth of face masks and disinfectant solution from local chambers of commerce and business associations free of charge. Visit [Commerce's website](#).

- **Child and Family Assistance**

- **Summer Meals for Children:** For a list of summer food programs near you, please visit: <https://health.ri.gov/diseases/ncov2019/about/foodsites/>
- **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)** participants are now able to select and pay for their groceries online using their EBT card at Amazon and participating Walmart stores. For more details, visit dhs.ri.gov.
- **American Red Cross:** Established the Virtual Family Assistance Center to support those that lost loved ones. Visit their [website](#) or call (833) 492-0094.

- **Employment Support**

- **Unemployment Insurance:** Constituents seeking assistance with filing a COVID-19 unemployment claim should first visit dlt.ri.gov for information, applications, and factsheets. Contact the Department of Labor and Training Monday-Friday at 401-234-4280 or dlt.covid19@dlt.ri.gov.
- **Employment:** Jobseekers should visit <http://www.EmployRI.org> to find jobs as well as other important resources including information on unemployment insurance, résumé tips, and other COVID-19 updates.

- **Food and Medication Delivery Services**

- **RI Delivers:** Through the Office of Healthy Aging, RI Delivers connects those in quarantine or isolation with access to food and medication delivery services. To contact call 2-1-1 or the Point at 401-462-4444. Visit www.RIDelivers.com
- **RI Thrives** is available for deliveries of groceries, medication, and health, beauty & medical supplies. For more information go to: www.rithrives.com.

- **Housing Assistance and Information**

- **Renters and Homeowners:** For constituents seeking housing-related information and resources, visit: <https://www.rihousing.com/covid-19/>
- **Housing Help RI:** The statewide homelessness prevention initiative provides emergency housing assistance to very low-income renters who have been severely affected by the COVID-19 emergency and are at immediate risk of homelessness. Visit: <https://www.housinghelpri.com/>

Violence Prevention Support

- **Safe at Home:** The Rhode Island State Police launched [Safe at Home](#) to raise awareness of the threat of increased violence during the COVID-19 pandemic. Safe at Home is focused on connecting with those who may be facing violence at home and providing all Rhode Islanders with resources to identify and help those at-risk.
- **Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence** and member agencies are open, as are domestic violence shelters. Those seeking help can call 1-800-494-8100.

Additional Resources and Support

- For more resources and support, please visit <https://health.ri.gov/publications/factsheets/Do-You-Need-Support-for-COVID-19.pdf>.
- **2020 Census:** Please take a few minutes to complete the 2020 Census at <https://2020census.gov/>.
- **RI Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing** - The Commission now has a website dedicated to COVID-19, with specific information that is critically important to members of the community with hearing loss. The site has videos presented in American Sign Language <http://www.cdhh.ri.gov/covid-19/>

Questions About COVID-19:

Please visit the [R.I. Dept. of Health website](#) for factual up-to-date information or call 401-222-8022. In addition, the United Way is available 24-7 to answer questions and connect residents with resources through their 211 hotline.