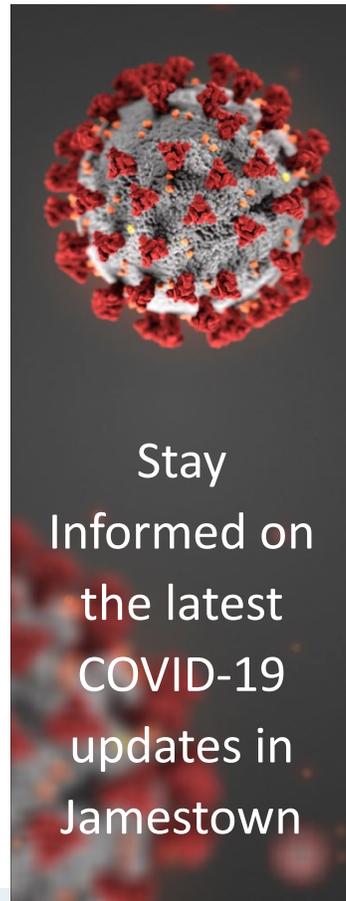


# COMMUNITY INFORMATION WEEKLY UPDATE #3



Stay  
Informed on  
the latest  
COVID-19  
updates in  
Jamestown

## Key messages for the public

Anyone who is sick should stay home and self-isolate (unless going out for testing or healthcare).

The people who live with that person and who have been in direct close contact with that person should self-quarantine for 14 days. Direct close contact means being within approximately 6 feet of a person for a prolonged period.

Help is available for people living in quarantine or isolation due to COVID-19. Visit [www.RIDelivers.com](http://www.RIDelivers.com) for connections to groceries, home supplies, restaurants, and mutual aid groups. People can also call 2-1-1.

Groups of more than five people should not be gathering. Always avoid close personal contact with other people in public.

Healthcare workers should not be going to work if they are sick (even with mild symptoms).

People who think they have COVID-19 should call their healthcare provider. Do not go directly to a healthcare facility without first calling a healthcare provider (unless you are experiencing a medical emergency).

People with general, non-medical questions about COVID-19 can visit [www.health.ri.gov/covid](http://www.health.ri.gov/covid), write to [RIDOH.COVID19Questions@health.ri.gov](mailto:RIDOH.COVID19Questions@health.ri.gov), or call 401-222-8022. This is the COVID-19 Hotline that RIDOH has available to the public.

### **Everyone can help stop the spread of viruses in Rhode Island.**

- Get your flu shot, and make sure the people around you do the same.
- Wash your hands often throughout the day. Use warm water and soap. If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow.
- Stay home and do not leave your house if you are sick, unless it is for emergency medical care.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs spread this way.

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### Special points of interest

**PLEASE COMPLETE  
YOUR FOOD NEEDS  
ASSESSMENT**

Call 423-9804 for  
more info.

## What You Need to Know - Library Services

**Visit your library online.** All Rhode Island public libraries have a variety of digital resources and services. Many are even offering digital library programs! See the [list of OSL member libraries](#) for websites and contact information.

- **Please do not return your library materials.** We are extending due dates, and any fines associated with the COVID-19 outbreak will be forgiven.

**We welcome new library users!** [Apply for your library card online.](#) You may also [renew your card online.](#) Your library card will grant you access to statewide digital resources include ebooks and digital audiobooks in our [eZone](#) and more.

- **Holds are temporarily suspended.** Since library buildings are closed and delivery is canceled, it is no longer possible to place items on hold. If you already have items on hold, they should be there for you when library buildings reopen. You may also visit [AskRI](#) and the [Office of Library & Information Services](#) site to learn more about statewide digital library services and resources that you can use while the public libraries are closed. They are developing a collection of online resources for students and families to help all Rhode Islanders meet their learning and recreational needs from home.

In addition, the K12 school library community (RILINK) has prepared a [resource guide to digital learning resources and activities.](#)

# Jamestown Philomenian Library is Answering the Governor's Call

Governor Raimondo and Commissioner Infante-Green have challenged **all students in Rhode Island to read for at least 20-60 minutes every single day in the month of April.** We encourage families and educators to get creative and help us band together as a community to promote reading as a daily habit for our students. Here are the guidelines for the amount of uninterrupted reading students should strive to reach each day in April:

- Pre-K and Kindergarteners read or are read to at least 20 minutes
- Grades 1-3 read at least 30 minutes
- Grades 4-5 read at least 45 minutes
- Grades 6-12 at least 60 minutes

[Visit the RIDE Reading Log](#) to submit the minutes and books students read each day!



Show us how the challenge is going by using the using the hashtags #RIReadsAtHome and #ReadTogether on [Twitter](#) (@RIDeptEd), [Facebook](#) and Instagram (@RIDeptEd)!

Visit the [April Reading Challenge](#) page for tips and resources.



Jamestown Philomenian Library is helping with this reading initiative by offering Jamestown students in Grades pre-K-12 the opportunity to receive a book set customized for them. Please follow the link below in order to answer book-related questions and we'll do our best to get a few physical books into your hands! Jamestown will start handing out books on Monday, April 6 at our 26 North Road location. Please be certain to follow all of the instructions in the sign-up sheet, as participants will be given a particular curbside pick-up time.



## Key messages for the public (Continued)

### Testing

All Rhode Islanders who have symptoms of COVID-19 are urged to call a healthcare provider or urgent care center to get scheduled for a test. Individuals experiencing symptoms must also self-isolate and have as little contact with others as possible.

#### **Patients with health insurance**

- If you are tested at an urgent care, physician office, health center, emergency room, or hospital, there is no cost to the patient for lab tests.
- You should not be charged for a visit with a physical exam or a tele-health evaluation for a COVID-like illness.
- If you are charged for either of these services, talk to your provider at the time of service. If you still have questions, contact your health insurer's customer service phone number on the back of your health insurance card.

#### **Patients without health insurance**

- You will be charged for a COVID-19 test and/or a doctor's visit if you go to a Respiratory Clinic or to a healthcare provider's office.

#### **You can get a free COVID-19 test two ways:**

- Call your provider (if you have one) to get an order for a COVID-19 test at one of the drive-up testing sites at URI in South Kingstown, at CCRI in Warwick, or at Rhode Island College in Providence.
- Go online to be pre-screened for testing and to get an appointment.

#### **Cloth Face Covers:**

Dr. Alexander-Scott encouraged Rhode Islanders to consider wearing cloth face covers when in public. A cloth face cover is a material that covers the nose and mouth. It can be secured to the head with ties or straps, or wrapped around the lower face. A cloth face cover could be sewn by hand or improvised from household items such as scarves or T-shirts. (Face covers are different than N95 facemasks. People in the general public should not be purchasing or hoarding medical grade masks, such as N95s.) The primary role of a cloth face cover is to reduce the release of infectious particles into the air when someone speaks, coughs, or sneezes. Cloth face covers are not substitutes for physical distancing, washing your hands, and staying home when ill.



### **Governor Raimondo Announces COVID-19 Testing Partnership with CVS Health**

Governor Gina M. Raimondo announced this week that RI has entered into a partnership with CVS Health to make free, rapid COVID-19 tests available to Rhode Islanders. Tests using the new Abbott ID NOW system will be provided by-appointment at a new drive-through testing site at Twin River Casino in Lincoln. This testing site will be able to perform approximately 1,000 tests per day.

Healthcare providers from MinuteClinic, CVS's retail medical clinic, are overseeing the testing. Rhode Islanders who have symptoms of COVID-19 can sign up for a test at [www.cvs.com](http://www.cvs.com)

The symptoms of COVID-19 include any of the following: fever, cough, shortness of breath, muscle aches (myalgias), chills, runny nose or stuffy nose, sore throat, headache, or diarrhea.

## Help Your Neighbor Fund Donations being accepted

The Town of Jamestown has launched the "Help Your Neighbor Fund" We are collecting food and essential needs inside the Senior Center at 6 West Street. Please consider dropping off items such as canned goods, non-perishable food, toiletries, dish soap, laundry detergent, pet supplies or other essential items. Monetary donations are also being accepted, please make checks out to the Help Your Neighbor Fund.

Please Do Not Shop for these items, we items that you currently have on hand.

**PLEASE CONTACT  
BETSEY ANDERSON  
FOR MORE INFO  
423-9804**

## Chamber of Commerce provides updates on resources for Small Business Owners

This week, the Chamber participated in several conference calls and Facebook Live presentations on the relief package for small business. Please reach out with questions on the programs.

Congressman Cicillini's office provided 3 useful documents on the CARE Act and Payroll Protection Program.

[CARES ACT Small Business Resource Guide](#)  
[CARES Act Small Business Resources](#)  
[SBA Payroll Protection Program Fact Sheet](#)

### Jamestown Businesses

#### Jamestown Restaurants:

- Aces (online ordering, take out)
- J22 (Delivery and take out)
- East Ferry Deli (take out)
- Angels Kitchen (take out for dinner)

#### Beer, Wine and Spirits:

- Grapes and Gourmet (curb side)
- General's Crossing (cans and growlers to go)
- Jamestown Wine and Spirits (open).

#### Retail:

- Latitude (open via email and phone. Taking future orders. Embroidery can be dropped off. Call 862-0685 or email [pkcheck88@gmail.com](mailto:pkcheck88@gmail.com))
- Jamestown Outdoors (online store is 50% off and free shipping),
- Island Heron (online memberships and virtual classes),
- Island Animal (open, curbside service),
- Fuller Gallery (call for service),
- Clancy Design Studio (call for service).
- Conanicut Marine Gift Shop (pay at door with cash or credit. Call 423-1556 or [marilyn@conanicutmarina.com](mailto:marilyn@conanicutmarina.com))
- Jamestown Art Center: Offering virtual classes!
- Jamestown Golf Course: The golf course is open. They are taking it day by day and have very modified practices. Please call before you head out to play golf, and respect the rules! 401-423-9930
- Conanicut Marine Engine parts [daver@conanicutmarina.com](mailto:daver@conanicutmarina.com) with your requests and to arrange drop off/pick up and for launching services, visit website.
- Realtors: Island Realty, Lila Delman, Mansions and Manors, Latitude Yacht Brokerage - All realtor offices are closed. Call to arrange in person, virtual showings and new listings.
- Salons: Call your salon to arrange pick up of products.
- Secret Garden: Call for curbside pick up
- Jamestown Hardware: Open, call for hours. Delivery available.



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**Jamestown**

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Register at: [Jamestown.recdesk.com](http://Jamestown.recdesk.com)

## Town Orders Closure of Fort Getty Park & Mackerel Cove

The Town of Jamestown has ordered Fort Getty Park & Mackerel Cove Beach to be closed to the public on weekends beginning **Friday April 3rd at 12:00pm through Monday Morning at 7:00am**. Although the facilities are scheduled to be closed on

weekends, we will continue monitoring their use on a weekly basis. If it becomes apparent that people are not adhering to the Social Distancing Guidelines (see page 7), we may be forced to order further restrictions on these facilities. Also, as we continue to monitor the spread of the virus, additional facilities may also be closed to the public.

## Jamestown Parks & Recreation Launches its 1st “Distance Recreation” Program on Instagram

We know that during this challenging time in our world, that it is important to keep ourselves busy. This is why we think families will enjoy this Amazing Alphabet scavenger hunt we’ve put together. This program is for those of all ages! You may choose to work solo, or with a partner, or partners.

This is an Instagram contest. You must create an Instagram account to play. If you do not have a smartphone, you can also create an Instagram account on a computer and upload pictures from your camera directly to Instagram's website.

Here’s how we will play:

Each day we will be posting one letter from the alphabet.

There will be three words associated with each letter. For example: If the letter of the day is, "F" you might have three words listed such as, "flag", "flop" and "forging".

Each day the three words given will range in difficulty. What we deem as a less challenging word will be scored with a 1 on our point scale. Words we find to be more challenging will be given 3 points and the word we feel will be most difficult to capture will be given 5 points.

You may choose to photograph what you find, video, or both!

### **DIVE INTO YOUR CREATIVITY!**

The panel of judges at the recreation center will be reviewing submissions daily.

Your submissions are due by 10 PM each day.



Visit [Jamestown.recdesk.com](http://Jamestown.recdesk.com) to register today!!!



## What to do if you feel sick:

Call your Doctor: If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop symptoms, such as fever, chills, cough, or difficulty breathing, call your healthcare provider for medical advice. In the event you call for the Jamestown Rescue please advise the dispatcher if you suspect you may have the COVID-19 virus. It is recommended by the DOH you perform a daily self-check if you have any of these symptoms call your doctor.

## What to do if you are in contact or near a person who has tested positive for COVID-19:

Call your Doctor or medical treatment center, they will advise you depending on the situation what steps to take and what to watch for. They will determine if it was a direct contact. If so, that may require a quarantine period. Indirect contact may require a close self-monitoring and restricted behavior during the monitoring period. Each event must be carefully considered by a health care professional.

## Building/Zoning Official Update

NOTICE: Due to Covid-19 the Building/Zoning Office will be closed to the public until further notice.



- **Permit applications:** Will be by E-mail, drop box, or standard mail.
  - Please E-mail plans, and applications to [ccosta@jamestownri.net](mailto:ccosta@jamestownri.net) Applications will have. Address, owners name, contractor information, Job description, and material/labor cost.
  - I will review and respond with the permit fee that will be mailed or put into the drop box. (write job address in memos on check) payable to Town of Jamestown. When received I will E-mail permits to applicants.
- **Inspections:** E-mail [ccosta@jamestownri.net](mailto:ccosta@jamestownri.net) or call (401) 423-9803 for all inspections.
  - Leave a clear message. Include address, type of inspection, contact number, and property access.
  - Once I'm contacted. I may for some inspections allow video or pictures.
  - General Code question will be answered by E-mail or Phone.
- **Zoning**

All zoning Board meetings have been canceled until further notice.  
We are receiving applications for the next available meeting.  
E-mail [ccosta@jamestownri.net](mailto:ccosta@jamestownri.net) for applications or call (401) 423-9803 for questions.

## Clerk's Department Update on Services

- **April 28th Presidential Preference Primary has been postponed to June 2, 2020** - The Mail ballot application is available at the following website: <https://vote.sos.ri.gov/Content/Pdfs/Calendar/PPP-MailBallot.pdf> ! The Primary process is still being reviewed and I will provide information as it becomes available, but I encourage Residents to Apply for a Mail Ballot at the above link. Voter Info: Check your voter status and register to vote by visiting the following link: <https://vote.sos.ri.gov/>
- **Marriage, Birth and Death Certificates – Please visit the following link:** <http://www.jamestownri.gov/town-departments/clerk/vital-records>. Please also contact our office and we can make arrangements to provide service through our window service.
- **Land Evidence (Deeds/ Mortgages)** – Please visit the following link to Search Land Evidence Records at <http://www.jamestownri.gov/town-departments/clerk/land-evidence>. Your Land Evidence Filings can be sent to us for recording at 93 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown RI. Attention Town Clerk or dropped in our Drop Box located at the back of Town Hall. Please include an email and we can scan and send your record after recording. Please also include a self-addressed stamp envelope for the return of your document.
- **Land Evidence Printing:** Printing Online requires an additional fee to account for the credit card service. So during this time, I would like to offer an additional service for records that you need to print for the same in office cost as prior to Covid-19. Please email me, Karen or Denise the book and pages. We will gladly print those here in the office and provide them to you, through mail or our window service.
- **Probate:** For forms please visit the following website: <https://www.sos.ri.gov/divisions/business-services/probate-forms/> ! There is no Probate Court in March or April. We will review filings for urgency and service each request appropriately.

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## Quarantine Order:

Starting immediately, any person coming to Rhode Island by any mode of transportation after visiting another state for a non-work-related purpose must self-quarantine for 14 days. This restriction will not apply to public health, public safety or healthcare workers. If under quarantine, individuals should not leave their home for any reason.

Realtors and hotel operators are directed to include quarantine requirements for any out-of-state renters in their rental agreements.

**Commuters:** Those who are able to work from home should do so, and anyone commuting in and out of the state for work should remain in their home when not at work.



## Latest guidance and information

**Stay At Home:** The Governor has issued a stay-at-home [order](#) until May 8. This means that all Rhode Islanders should stay home unless getting food, medicine, gas, or going to work.

- **Gatherings:** All gatherings of more than 5 people are banned. Individuals should be interacting with the same people every day to minimize the risk of spread. This order does not apply to healthcare workers in a workplace setting, public transportation or office buildings. However, people must practice social distancing at all times.
- **Travelers:** Any person coming to Rhode Island by any mode of transportation after visiting another state for a non-work-related purpose must [self-quarantine](#) for 14 days. This restriction will not apply to public health, public safety or healthcare workers. [more on self-quarantine](#)
- **Commuters:** Those who are able to work from home should do so, and anyone commuting in and out of the state for work should remain in their home when not at work. [more on self-quarantine](#)
- **Retail Businesses:** In accordance with Governor Raimondo's [Executive Order 20-14](#) issued on March 28th, all non-critical retail businesses were to close as of March 30, 2020 and the Department of Business Regulation is providing a [list of critical and non-critical retail businesses](#).

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*Executive Order 20-14 - Amended Eleventh Supplemental Emergency Declaration – Staying At Home, Reducing Gatherings, Certain Retail Business Closures and Further Quarantine Provisions (3/28/20)*

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As of April 3rd, state beaches and parks in Rhode Island will be closed. Campground openings will be postponed until further notice.

# Jamestown Senior Services Department

The Senior Services Center meal site is closed; however, the Department continues to coordinate box lunches available either to be picked up or delivered, they are also working with the Jamestown Community Food Pantry and St. Mark's Food Pantry in coordinating food distribution, you can call the Senior Center for services at (401) 423-9804.



## Water Department Begins Flushing Water Mains

The Water Department will be flushing water mains throughout the distribution system Monday, April 6, through Thursday, April 30, 2020 between the hours of 7:00am - 5:00pm. (weekdays only) Flushing removes sediment from the system and improves water quality. Your water may become discolored during this period and particular care should be taken while washing clothes. Your cooperation is appreciated.



### ATTENTION

### Seniors Centers, Retirement Home Operators, Caregivers, and families of senior citizens

We know you are overwhelmed keeping your members, residents, clients and family members safe and we are here to help!

We are taking extraordinary measures to mobilize our extensive network of trained Cyber-Senior Mentors to provide technology training in the form of online webinars and telephone support for senior citizens effective immediately.

**PLEASE LET ALL SENIORS KNOW THAT THEY CAN CALL US AT  
1-844-217-3057**

**where trained volunteers are standing by to answer their tech questions and to help them sign up for online training sessions.**

#### Tech savvy seniors can also:

- Register online for a group session or one-on-one tech-support by visiting our website at [www.cyberseniors.org](http://www.cyberseniors.org).
- Access the over 1200 training tutorials (*soon available in Spanish and French*) and the Cyber-Seniors discussion forum by calling us at 1-844-217-3057 to register.

Cyber-Seniors is waiving all fees and providing free access to its tech training resources for all individuals and organizations during this pandemic.

In order to support this important initiative, we are appealing to businesses and individuals for financial and in-kind support. Donations can be made online through the Donate button below. At this unprecedented time, Cyber-Seniors welcomes donations — both monetary and in-kind — including corporate sponsorships, technology support, promotion and advertising, and partnerships designed to encourage both seniors and young people to join in their efforts. Cyber-Seniors appreciates support now more than ever to help those who are most vulnerable during this crisis.