

# Town of Jamestown

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Dear Residents, Businesses, and Community Partners:

While we are all seeing the increase in COVID-19 cases rise in some States, the cases in Rhode Island are declining, all because we are following the Health organizations precautions. As we have seen in other states, cases can easily surge if proper precautions are not taken. It is critical that residents socially distance from others, wear masks or face coverings in public, constantly wash their hands or use sanitizer, and stay home if they are feeling sick. We can keep our loved ones safe, businesses open, and Rhode Islanders employed by following health guidelines. For those who have lost loved-one to this virus we extend our condolences to their families and friends.

I again, ask residents and visitors to keep our first responders and healthcare workers in mind. Every time you put your own health at risk, you are putting their health at risk, as well.

The State of Rhode Island hopes to enter **Phase 3 of our re-opening** at the beginning July; we are awaiting further guidance. Initial details of Phase 3 can be found here:

<https://www.reopeningri.com/>.

The Town of Jamestown, will have further updates on our municipal operations in the coming week. We will continue to share state guidance and information with local businesses. If you have questions, please contact me at 401-423-9805 or [jhainsworth@jamestownri.net](mailto:jhainsworth@jamestownri.net).

The Department of Health is encouraging high-contact workers who are asymptomatic to make an [appointment](#) 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

High contact workers include: hair professionals, nail artists, gym employees, tattoo artists, massage therapists, and child care workers ([visit](#) or call 401-222-8022). Please share this information with your staff members, and encourage them to get tested. Expanded testing is critically important as we expand group sizes, indoor capacity and gatherings. In addition, any Rhode Islander who attended a large protest or demonstration can (and should) get tested, even if they do not have symptoms ([visit](#) or call 401-222-8022).

### Shop, Eat Local

Small businesses are vital in our community. We encourage those that can to shop local. Stop by a local store rather than ordering online; make a reservation to dine outside at one of our local restaurants, or order takeout to enjoy at home. The Jamestown Town Council has voted to allow several restaurants the use of the municipal parking lot on Narragansett Avenue to operate outside dining services. Local businesses have worked hard to implement statewide re-opening guidelines. Here at the Town hall, we are working hard as well to make sure that we are providing support for our local businesses. If you are a local business that has questions or needs assistance, please contact me at [jhainsworth@jamestownri.net](mailto:jhainsworth@jamestownri.net) or call me at 401-423-9805.

### **Statewide Guidance:**

As a reminder, between now and Phase 3, the following guidelines remain in place for all residents and visitors:

- Anyone who is sick should stay home and self-isolate. When people are in public, they should wear a cloth face covering.
- A cloth face covering is a material that covers the nose and mouth. It could be sewn by hand or improvised from household items such as scarves, T-shirts, or bandanas.
- Groups of no more than 15 people.
- Always avoid close personal contact with other people in public.
- 14-day quarantine for international travel, or those traveling from states with stay-at-home or shelter-in-place orders. Download the Crush COVID-19 app, or keep a personal log of the people you have come in contact with every day.
  - This will assist the Dept. of Health to trace your contacts in the event that you contract COVID-19.

### **Local Updates:**

All Town of Jamestown government buildings remain locked with limited access. However, all services are available by telephone, appointment only, drop box, window service, email and other electronic means.

The Town Council and School Committee presented their budget at the Financial Town Meeting (FTM) on June 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was the first ever ‘Drive In’ style held on the field next to the Lawn Avenue School. Over 200 registered voters attended the meeting from their vehicles, some arrived on foot or by bicycle, all health precautions were practiced. The meeting was directed by our Town Moderator, voters were checked in by our Board of Canvassers, logistics and direction provided by Town Staff; all did an excellent job. In slightly less than one hour, the recommended FY 2020-2021 budget was approved by the voters. We continue to closely track the state budget process and federal stimulus funding, as we move into this new fiscal year.

The Town of Jamestown in accordance with state guidelines has formed a plan for operations of summer camps. Please contact the Recreation Department at 401-423-7260 or email to [recreationinfo@jamestownri.net](mailto:recreationinfo@jamestownri.net).

**Resident Recreation Passes:** May be purchased at the following locations:

- Fort Getty Gate House
- Mackerel Cove Beach
- Recreation Center (by appointment) 423-7260 to schedule.

### **Mackerel Cove Beach:**

- Open Daily from 9am – 5pm (parking passes required)
- Restrooms and outdoor showers available during this time.

### **Fort Getty Campground:**

- Tenting reservations available at [jamestown.recdesk.com](http://jamestown.recdesk.com)
- RV Reservations available by contacting Deb Hagie at 423-7211

### **Summer Camp:**

- Registration open at [jamestown.recdesk.com](http://jamestown.recdesk.com)
- Space is limited.
- All camps operating under an approved plan by the RIDOH
- Please contact Molly Conlon at 423-7261 for more information.

Jamestown Food Pantries: Community food pantries should you need assistance. Jamestown Community Food Pantry 401-560-4080, St Mark Food Pantry 401-423-1421 or the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center 401-846-4828.

### **Testing:**

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/>
- **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. Download the CRUSH COVID RI app now in the Apple App Store and Google Play to step up and help RI #CrushCovidRI.
- **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](http://www.commerceri.com), call Commerce RI at 401-521-4357 (HELP), or email them at [info@commerceri.com](mailto: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](mailto:ppp@commerceri.com).
- **Tech Help:** If a business needs help getting online, creating a website, moving to online marketing or ordering, or accessing laptops., they can access free tech help through RI Commerce. Visit <https://commerceri.com/covid-19-business-resources/>
- **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**

- **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](http://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.
- **Family Care Community Partnerships (FCCPs):** The RI Department of Children, Youth and Families' recognizes that all families struggle and need supports they can turn to from time to time, including basic needs, bridging family rifts, and increasing the overall well-being of families. FCCP agencies bring community-based services to children and families to build a stronger, brighter futures. For more information, or to contact your local FCCP, please visit <http://www.dcyf.ri.gov/fccps>

- **Employment Support**

- **Unemployment Insurance:** Constituents seeking assistance with filing a COVID-19 unemployment claim should first visit [dlt.ri.gov](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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/>

- **Student Loans support:**

- Federal student loans payments are suspended: <https://studentaid.gov/>
- [Student Loan Rights](#)
- [Information on RI student loans](#)

### **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.

Thank you for your support and cooperation during this unprecedented time.

Sincerely,

Jamie A. Hainsworth, Town Administrator