

# Town of Jamestown

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Dear Residents, Businesses, and Community Partners:

I hope you are staying safe and feeling healthy. Over the next few days, we will see very high temperatures and humidity. Please take precautions such as finding air conditioning, seeking shade, avoiding strenuous activities, and drinking plenty of fluids.

As a reminder, please wear a face covering while in common areas or crowds such as the market, beach facilities, or a restaurant. Even in the heat, masks are critical to stopping the spread of the virus until there is a vaccine or proven cure. Please be patient with our small business owners as they navigate this difficult period.

Please always remember 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.

Over the next month, the State will be providing \$100 million in emergency financial support for Rhode Island's small businesses that have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The grants will support small businesses for reopening, adaptation, technical support services, and fixed costs incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Applications will be available on <https://commerceri.com/> and will be accepted on a rolling basis beginning later this month.

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/>

**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 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:**

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  
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- 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/>
- **CRUSH COVID RI Mobile App:** All Rhode Islanders are encouraged to use [CRUSH COVID RI](#). 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](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).
  - **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](https://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](https://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**
  - **Safe Harbor Housing Program:** an eviction diversion effort 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** to be connected to the program.
  - **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.

Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation.

Sincerely,  
 Jamie A. Hainsworth, Town Administrator