

**Town Administrator** 



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Dear Residents, Businesses, and Community Partners,

I hope you are well, and on your way to being fully vaccinated.

Rhode Island's percent positivity rate this week, as it relates to COVID-19, is 1.5%. Rhode Island has fully vaccinated nearly 60% of its population, administering over 1,105,514 vaccines (523,474 fully vaccinated).

A reminder that to be considered fully vaccinated, you are two weeks past your second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, or two weeks past your one dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

The state lifted its mask mandate for those who are fully vaccinated. However, masks are still required in certain settings. Please be patient and



understanding of various business restrictions. The state also updated its re-opening guidelines.

Reopening: Stay the course on safety What you can safely do if you're vaccinated - if you're partially vaccinated or not vaccinated, you're more likely to get and spread COVID-19 doing these activities.

Fully vaccinated means you have all recommended doses of a COVID-19 vaccine and more than 14 days have passed since your final dose. Establishments may (but are not required to) supplement these rules with their own rules regarding mask wearing, proof of vaccination, testing and other mitigations. Signage guiding expectations around these topics is required at your establishment. (Visit <a href="https://www.health.ri.gov">www.health.ri.gov</a> for examples.)

	CATEGORY	CURRENT (May 18)	BEGINNING May 21st
	MASK WEARING	Required for unvaccinated individuals with certain exceptions*	Required for unvaccinated individuals with certain exceptions*
$\leftrightarrow$	PHYSICAL DISTANCING	None required; business discretion	None required; business discretion
×	INDOOR DINING	80% Indoors; 100% Outdoors	No restrictions
¥	BAR AREAS	For indoors: seated-only; plexiglass required	No restrictions: indoor standing service allowed; no plexiglass required
<u> </u>	CATERED EVENTS	80% up to 200 indoors and 500 outdoors; recommended/required testing**; outdoor only: standing bar service/cocktail hours	No restrictions: 100% capacity with no cap; indoor and outdoor standing bar service/cocktail hours; open dance floors
Ť	HOUSES OF WORSHIP	80% capacity	No restrictions; business discretion
三	RETAIL	80% capacity	No restrictions; business discretion
4-1	GYMS, SPORTS & REC	80% capacity	No restrictions; business discretion
20	PERSONAL SERVICES	80% capacity	No restrictions; business discretion
2000	VENUES OF ASSEMBLY	80% up to 500 indoors, no cap outdoors, DBR/Applicable Municipal Approval for 2,500+ events	No restrictions; business discretion
	FUNERAL HOMES	80% capacity	No restrictions; business discretion
Q.	OFFICES	80% capacity	No restrictions; business discretion
8	SOCIAL GATHERINGS	Up to 25 people indoors; 75 people outdoors	No restrictions; business discretion
*See CDC guidance for vaccinated individuals to view exceptions to this requirement. **Required for student catered events/strongly recommended for other catered events.			

## **COVID-19 Information**

**Current Eligibility:** All Rhode Islanders ages 16 and older, those that work in R.I., and visitors. **Transportation:** R.I. Public Transit Authority is offering free fares to those going to and from vaccination appointments. People with vaccine appointments can email or call 401-781-9400. Vaccines for Veterans: The Providence Veterans Medical Center offers vaccines for veterans, their spouses and caregivers by appointment or through the walk-in clinic. Visit here or call 401-273-7100 ext. 16226.

**Homebound Vaccinations:** Request a vaccine <u>here</u> or call **401-222-8022**.

Options for Rhode Islanders 16+ to be vaccinated:

\*Note: the Pfizer vaccine has been approved for use with 12- to 15-year-olds.

- 1. State Sites: Register for a vaccine here or call 844-930-1779. No appointment needed at the Cranston, Providence and Middletown sites.
- 2. Regional Sites: Located in East Providence, Johnston and Westerly. Register for an appointment here.
- 3. Pharmacies: CVS, Walgreens, Walmart, Stop and Shop (no appointment needed)
- 4. <u>Lifespan Clinic</u> and <u>Care New England Clinic</u>

CDC guidance on mask wearing for fully-vaccinated Americans is available here. For more information on vaccines, visit: https://covid.ri.gov/vaccination.

## **Grant and Assistance Programs**

- Housing Assistance Program
- Restaurant Relief Program
- Shuttered Venue Operators
- FEMA Funeral Assistance

## **Local Updates**

If you are feeling sick, please get tested. Rapid and PCR testing is available at various locations throughout the state. A full list of locations is located here. To make an appointment click here.

Jamestown Testing Site: Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (weather permitting) on West Street behind St. Matthews Church and the Town Hall, both Rapid and PCR testing's available.

All Town of Jamestown government buildings are open with necessary safety precautions and some limited access. I ask whenever possible please avoid in person meetings. If your conducting business in our buildings please attempt to use alternative methods such as: telephone, appointment, drop box, window service, email and other electronic means.

**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.

Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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