



Charlestown Town Hall Special Notices!

June 5, 2020

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PLEASE NOTE that in this uncertain time, directives are rapidly changing. We have made an effort to list these notices, starting with the most recent, in each of the Local, State, Federal and "Other" categories listed below (keep scrolling down).

Please note that Charlestown's website is the only continuing "live" link, due to copying limitations. For links that are not live, you will have to copy and put in your browser.

Also, please see the Town's website, www.charlestownri.org, for a new category, COVID-19 (top of page to right), with links to many informational sites.

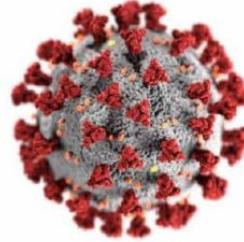
LOCAL NOTICES BELOW



New Patient Check in Process Effective June 1

In accordance with RI DOH and CDC guidelines, WRHS is implementing a new patient check in process in Hope Valley on Monday June 1, 2020.

- Patients will be asked to arrive 5-10 minutes prior their scheduled appointment time, and call **401-387-9636** from their car to check in with the front desk. The front desk will confirm all demographic and insurance information, as well as take any required payments over the phone. Once completed, the patient will wait in their car until they receive a call back from the front desk.
- When ready, the patient will receive a call to meet a staff person at the front entrance of the building. The staff will take their temperature and check blood oxygen level with a 'pulse ox' finger clip device. All individuals over the age of 2 will be screened via this process. (*Patients being dropped off my MTM or another ride will follow a slightly different process.)
- Patients will then be escorted to their appointment, by-passing the waiting room.
- All patients and visitors over the age of 2 entering the building must be wearing a mask. If a patient does not have a mask, one will be provided.
- If a patient has a fever or low lung capacity, they will be asked to return to their car and await further instruction.
- Patients are asked to attend all appointments alone, unless assistance is needed (e.g. minor child accompanied by parent).
- The front doors of the building will be locked during business hours -**no walk ins are accepted.**
- Patients will be given these instructions when they make the appointment, and when they receive their confirmation call the day prior to the appointment. We will also continue to screen for symptoms verbally. All this information will also be available on our website.



Westerly Re-Opening June 8

We will begin the re-opening of our 17 Wells Street office the week of June 8 with a "soft opening" on Tues., June 9, and Fri., June 12, with our regular hours those days - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed 12-1).

Starting Mon, June 15, we plan to resume our full schedule at 17 Wells Street – Mon., Tues., Wed. and Fri., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed 12-1).

While we have been closed at 17 Wells, we have added an additional patient exam room and have re-designed the front desk/nurses station area to create work stations that add more privacy and better sound quality.

Hours of Operation

Beginning **Mon, June 15**, we plan to return to our regular hours of operation for primary care and behavioral health in Hope Valley:

Monday through Thursday - 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Dental Hours of operation will expand that same week:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday – 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Friday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Closed Wednesdays

However, Dental will still only be open for primarily urgent/emergency procedures, as well as some visits that do not generate aerosols.

Safety remains Job 1

We take the safety of our staff and patients very seriously. To that end, we have implemented a new cleaning and decontamination protocol and our cleaning company will be doing additional cleanings.

In addition to chairs being removed from the waiting room, common objects (items like books, toys, etc.) have also been removed from the waiting room and patient rooms.

We are here for you

We want to join the Department of Health in encouraging all Rhode Islanders to return to their basic healthcare routines. It is important as we all work our way through the pandemic that everyday health concerns are no longer pushed aside.

To that end, our Patient Care teams are working hard to contact patients who have delayed care due to the restrictions, and now need to come back into the office.

Thank you for trusting us with your healthcare.

Sincerely,
Alison Croke
President & CEO
Wood River Health Services



Use a scarf, bandana or
a homemade mask.



Cover BOTH
your mouth and nose.



**FACE MASK COVERING
MUST BE WORN TO ENTER
TOWN HALL
FOR THE SAFETY
OF OUR EMPLOYEES
& YOUR SAFETY.
Thank you for
your cooperation!**

As of April 14, 2020: Customers and employees must wear face coverings,
per Rhode Island Governor Gina Raimondo's Executive Order 20-24.

STATE NOTICES BELOW



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER

20-42

June 4, 2020

**THIRTY-NINTH SUPPLEMENTAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION -
EXTENSION OF VARIOUS EXECUTIVE ORDERS**

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-02 declaring a state of emergency due to the dangers to health and life posed by COVID-19 and that Order is in effect until June 5, 2020;

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-06 expanding access to telemedicine services and that Order has been extended until June 5, 2020;

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-07 extending the time for weapon and firearm background checks and that Order has been extended until June 5, 2020;

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-16 authorizing waiver and Medicaid state plan amendments and adjustments to essential provider rates and that Order has been extended until June 5, 2020;

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-17 requiring testing, critical supplies and hospital capacity reporting and that Order has been extended until June 5, 2020;

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WHEREAS, on April 9, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-19 increasing access to unemployment insurance and that Order has been extended until June 5, 2020;

WHEREAS, on April 9, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-20 imposing further self-quarantine and self-isolation requirements and that Order has been extended until June 5, 2020;

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-33 allowing expanded hospital capacity as well as providing statutory immunity to hospitals and health care and other workers responding to the COVID-19 emergency; and

WHEREAS, aggressive and sustained efforts are still necessary to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus and to lessen the strain on our healthcare system.

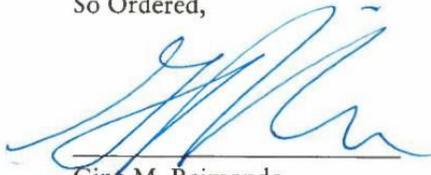
NOW, THEREFORE, I, GINA M. RAIMONDO, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, pursuant to Article IX of the Rhode Island Constitution and the Rhode Island General Laws, including, but not limited to, Title 30, Chapter 15, and Title 23, Chapter 8, do hereby extend the following Executive Orders:

1. Executive Order 20-02 (Declaration of Disaster Emergency).
2. Executive Order 20-06 (Fourth Supplemental Emergency Declaration – Expanding Access to Telemedicine Services).
3. Executive Order 20-07 (Fifth Supplemental Emergency Declaration – Extension of Time for Weapon and Firearm Background Checks).
4. Executive Order 20-16 (Thirteenth Supplemental Emergency Declaration – Authorizing Waiver and Medicaid State Plan Amendments and Adjustments to Essential Provider Rates).
5. Executive Order 20-17 (Fourteenth Supplemental Emergency Declaration – Testing, Critical Supplies and Hospital Capacity Reporting).
6. Executive Order 20-19 (Sixteenth Supplemental Emergency Declaration – Increasing Access to Unemployment Insurance).

7. Executive Order 20-20 (Seventeenth Supplemental Emergency Declaration – Further Quarantine Order).
8. Executive Order 20-33 (Supplemental Emergency Declaration – Hospital and Community-Based Health Care).

These Executive Orders (20-02, 20-06, 20-07, 20-16, 20-17, 20-19, 20-20 and 20-33) shall remain in full force and effect until July 4, 2020 unless renewed, modified or terminated by subsequent Executive Orders.

So Ordered,



Gina M. Raimondo
Governor



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State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER

20-41

June 4, 2020

THIRTY-EIGHTH SUPPLEMENTAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION –
CONTINUING TO REQUIRE CLOTH FACE COVERINGS IN PUBLIC

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, I declared a state of emergency due to the dangers to health and life posed by COVID-19 and that declaration will be extended until at least July 4, 2020;

WHEREAS, aggressive and sustained efforts continue to be necessary to slow the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has determined that COVID-19 symptoms may appear as many as fourteen (14) days after exposure;

WHEREAS, the CDC has confirmed that a significant number of people infected with COVID-19 do not show symptoms;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is contagious and persons who are asymptomatic can spread the virus;

WHEREAS, the CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain;

WHEREAS, the use of cloth face coverings is an important public health approach to slow the transmission of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island has begun a significant re-opening of its economic, cultural, and civic life, bringing more people into contact with each other (“Phase II”). At the same time, the weather continues to improve, encouraging more people to leave their homes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GINA M. RAIMONDO, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, pursuant to Article IX of the Rhode Island Constitution and the Rhode Island General Laws, including, but not limited to, Title 30, Chapter 15, and Title 23, Chapter 8, do hereby order and direct the following:

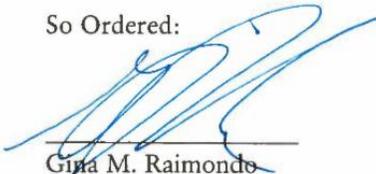
1. Any person who is in a place open to the public, whether indoors or outdoors, shall continue to cover their mouth and nose with a mask or cloth face covering unless doing so would damage the person’s health. No person under two years of age or any person whose health would be damaged thereby shall be required to wear a face covering. Face coverings are not required for people who can easily, continuously, and measurably maintain at least six (6) feet of distance from other people. Face coverings shall also not be required of those who are developmentally unable to comply, including young children who may not be able to effectively wear a mask.
2. All persons must continue to wear masks or cloth face coverings at all times when inside grocery stores, pharmacies or other retail businesses. All persons must continue to wear masks or cloth face coverings when providing or using the services of any taxi, car, livery, ride-sharing, or similar service or any means of mass public transit, or while within an enclosed or semi-enclosed transit stop or waiting area. Restaurants offering dine-in services, personal services businesses, gyms, daycares, and places of assembly re-opening in Phase II shall abide by their particular sector-specific face covering protocols for employees, customers and attendees set forth in Executive Order 20-40 and its supporting guidelines and regulations. Unless otherwise specified, employees, customers

and attendees shall wear face coverings as required in paragraph 1 above. Face coverings shall not be required of those whose health would be damaged thereby or who are developmentally unable to comply, including young children who may not be able to effectively wear a mask. Nothing in this Executive Order shall require a store or other place of business to refuse entry to a customer not wearing a face covering.

3. Nothing shall prevent a person from wearing a surgical grade mask or other more protective face covering if the person is already in possession of such equipment. All persons are strongly discouraged from using higher-level respiratory protection, such as N95s, to meet the requirements of this Order; N95s and other high-level respiratory protection should be reserved for healthcare workers or others who have a federal or state requirement to wear one to perform their work safely.
4. A CDC tutorial for do-it-yourself cloth face coverings is available at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>
5. The Director of the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) shall enforce any rules and regulations necessary to implement this Order.
6. The Director of RIDOH or her designees are further authorized to assess civil penalties and enact rules and regulations in furtherance of such penalties, for violation of this Order. Such civil penalties shall be in addition to any other penalties authorized by law.

This Order shall take effect immediately and remain in full force and effect until July 4, 2020, unless renewed, modified or terminated by subsequent Executive Order.

So Ordered:



Gina M. Raimondo
Governor



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER

20-40

May 29, 2020

THIRTY-SEVENTH SUPPLEMENTAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION –
PHASE II RE-OPENING

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, I declared a state of emergency due to the dangers to health and life posed by COVID-19 and such declaration has been extended until at least June 5, 2020;

WHEREAS, Rhode Island has stabilized its COVID-19 hospitalizations and continues to see a sustained decrease in new hospitalizations per day;

WHEREAS, the State projects over the next 30 days that less than 70% of hospital beds available for COVID-19 patients will be used by such patients;

WHEREAS, Rhode Island estimates that the effective reproduction rate of COVID-19 is less than 1.1;

WHEREAS, Rhode Island has reduced the rate of spread of COVID-19 through social distancing and other State orders effectively dampening overwhelming effects on the State's healthcare system;

WHEREAS, despite progress in some key areas, the State continues to suffer from the effects of the pandemic;

WHEREAS, it is critical that Rhode Island's economic, cultural and civic life be re-opened to the greatest extent possible consistent with public health and that the public's health shall always be of paramount concern in connection with such re-opening;

WHEREAS, the factors continue to be in place for Rhode Island to cautiously continue into the next phase of re-opening its economic, cultural and civic life ("Phase II Re-Opening"); and

WHEREAS, the continued easing of COVID-19 restrictions must be accompanied by clear and concise regulations and guidelines which must be effectively implemented and stringently enforced to protect the health and safety of the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GINA M. RAIMONDO, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, pursuant to Article IX of the Rhode Island Constitution and the Rhode Island General Laws, including, but not limited to, Title 30, Chapter 15, and Title 23, Chapter 8 do hereby order as follows:

Vulnerable Populations Strongly Advised to Remain Home

1. All vulnerable populations identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which include those who are 65 years of age and older, are still strongly advised to stay at home unless they must go to work, travel for medical treatment or obtain other necessities such as groceries, gas or medication. The CDC identifies conditions that make people at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19 at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html>.

International Travel Restrictions Remain in Place

2. Any person arriving from a location outside the 50 states or the District of Columbia must immediately self-quarantine for 14 days upon arrival in Rhode Island.

3. Instructions for self-quarantine can be found at the Rhode Island Department of Health's (RIDOH's) website:
<https://health.ri.gov/diseases/ncov2019/>.

Domestic Travel Restrictions Limited to Lockdown Areas

4. Any person coming to Rhode Island for a non-work-related purpose from another city, town, county or state that has imposed a stay-at-home restriction, a shelter-in-place restriction or similar restriction, declaration, or announcement due to a COVID-19 outbreak, must immediately self-quarantine for 14 days. This quarantine restriction shall not apply to public health, public safety or healthcare workers. It shall also not apply to anyone traveling for medical treatment, to attend funeral or memorial services, to obtain necessities such as groceries, gas or medication, to drop off or pick up children from day care or to anyone who must work on their boats.
5. Instructions for self-quarantine can be found at RIDOH's website:
<https://health.ri.gov/diseases/ncov2019/>.

Social Gathering Limit Expanded to Fifteen

6. All social gatherings of more than fifteen (15) people in any public or private space such as an auditorium, stadium, arena, large conference room, meeting hall, library, theater, parade, fair, festival, park or beach, are prohibited.

Limited Reopening of Office-Based Businesses – Work Remotely to the Extent Possible

7. Working from home is still strongly encouraged when possible. For office-based businesses that were closed or operated with a minimal workforce on-site through Phase I, up to 33% of workers (or up to 15 staff members, whichever is greater) may work on site at the same time as long as physical distancing standards, regulations and other guidance described in Phase II guidelines for Office-based Businesses can be maintained. This guidance also applies to offices that were closed or operated with a minimal workforce on-site through Phase I within non-office-based businesses. For any workplace where more than 33% of employees have been working on site during Phase I, the

employer is not required to reduce the number of staff on site and may return a limited number of employees to on-site work.

8. All office-based businesses must follow state requirements on cleaning, screening employees, wearing masks, collecting contact tracing information, posting appropriate signs and notices and other health and safety protocols. Such businesses with employees returning to work must develop a COVID-19 Control Plan which shall be available for inspection by the Task Force created by Executive Order 20-32. Office-based businesses must operate in accordance with the requirements and recommendations in the guidance available at <https://ReopeningRI.com> and must also complete a template for COVID-19 Control Plans available on that website.

Expansion of Non-Critical Retail Business

9. Non-critical retail businesses with a physical location in Rhode Island may continue to conduct in-store pickup and limited browsing. Non-critical retail businesses may now allow up to one customer per 150 square feet of store area open to customers generally. A list of critical and non-critical retail businesses can be found at https://dbr.ri.gov/documents/DBRCriticalRetailBusinessesList_04032020.pdf.
10. Non-critical retail businesses and multi-tenant retail complexes or operations are required to operate in accordance with the requirements and recommendations in the guidance available at <https://ReopeningRI.com>, regulations set forth by RIDOH, relevant executive orders and any other law applicable to non-critical retail businesses. All non-critical retail businesses must also develop a COVID-19 Control Plan which shall be available for inspection by the Task Force created by Executive Order 20-32. A template for COVID-19 Control Plans can be found at <https://ReopeningRI.com>.

Continued and Further Relief for Restaurants and Bars – Indoor and Outdoor Dining

11. Section 3-7-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws requiring a Class B licensee to sell alcohol for consumption only on the premises shall continue to be suspended. A Class B licensee is permitted to sell, with take-out food orders, up to 2 bottles of wine, 144 ounces of beer or mixed beverages in original factory sealed containers, and 144 ounces of draft beer or 72 ounces of mixed

beverages containing not more than 9 ounces of distilled spirits in growlers, bottles or other containers sealed in such a way as to prevent re-opening without obvious evidence that the seal was removed or broken, provided such sales shall be made in accordance with Section 1.4.10 of the Department of Business Regulation (DBR) Liquor Control Administration Regulations, 230-RICR-30-10-1 and any guidance or other DBR regulations. Any restaurant, bar or establishment that offers beer, mixed beverages or wine pursuant to this Order must do so in accordance with the social distancing protocols, regulations and guidance set forth by RIDOH.

12. In Phase II, restaurants may begin limited indoor dining in addition to outdoor dining (subject to applicable municipal approval), pick-up, delivery, and drive-through operations subject to the requirements and recommendations described in the Phase II Guidelines for Restaurants available at <https://ReopeningRI.com> and the regulations set forth by RIDOH.
13. Service to standing customers (e.g., in a bar area) is prohibited with the exception of food pick-up following the requirements and recommendations for pick-up described in Phase II Guidelines for Restaurants and regulations set forth by RIDOH. An establishment's indoor dining capacity is limited to 50% of an establishment's regular seating capacity. Outdoor dining is still encouraged as long as the restaurant does not service more than its normal operating capacity. Additionally, if an establishment has established extra outdoor dining capacity in Phase I, that additional outdoor capacity may remain in Phase II if the municipality continues to approve such additional capacity (in accordance with the municipality's approval processes). Parties are limited to 15 people, up to 8 people may be seated at an individual table, and customers are encouraged to minimize the number of non-household members with whom they dine.
14. Bars may reopen for seated service only and subject to the requirements and recommendations described in the Phase II Guidelines for Restaurants and the regulations set forth by RIDOH. Given the need to reduce risk to customers, employees and the community once bars and bar areas within restaurants resume operations, the Phase II guidelines in effect for these businesses must be closely followed. If, upon inspection by the Task Force, any business owner is found in violation of these guidelines, the business may be immediately closed.

15. All restaurants operating in Phase II must develop a COVID-19 Control Plan (a template for COVID-19 Control Plans is available at <https://ReopeningRI.com>) which shall be available for inspection by the Task Force established by Executive Order 20-32.

Personal Services Businesses May Reopen Under Strict Controls

16. Personal services businesses and operations, including, but not limited to, hair salons and barbershops, nail salons, tattoo parlors, tanning parlors, estheticians, and massage therapists may reopen subject to all of the requirements of their professional or facility licensing, the requirements and recommendations of the Phase II guidelines for personal services at <https://ReopeningRI.com> and regulations set forth by RIDOH.
17. Particular personal services where masks cannot be worn continuously in accordance with this and other executive orders by both customers and professionals, like facials, make-up applications, facial hair removal, face piercings and face tattoos, are prohibited.
18. Given the need to reduce the risk to clients, employees and the community from the operation of close contact businesses, the regulations set forth by RIDOH in effect for these businesses must be closely followed. If, upon inspection by the Task Force, any business owner or professional is found in violation of these regulations, the business may be immediately closed.
19. All personal services businesses must develop a COVID-19 Control Plan which shall be available for inspection by the Task Force created by Executive Order 20-32. A template for COVID-19 Control Plans can be found at <https://ReopeningRI.com>.

Gyms, Fitness Centers and Small Group Fitness Classes May Resume

20. Outdoor group fitness activities are preferred but are limited to 1 person per 150 square feet, with all social distancing guidelines to be observed.
21. Gyms and fitness centers may begin limited indoor re-openings subject to the requirements and recommendations in the Phase II guidelines for gyms and fitness centers which is available at <https://ReopeningRI.com> and the

regulations set forth by RIDOH. Activities involving physical contact or where social distancing cannot be easily, continuously, or measurably maintained are prohibited in Phase II. In open gym settings, capacity is limited to 1 person per 150 square feet. In class settings (e.g., yoga, exercise and spin), group size is limited to 15, not including staff, with social distancing requirements in place. All exercise space and exercise equipment must be thoroughly cleaned between uses. Whirlpools, communal saunas, and steam rooms must remain closed. All licensed pools may only be operated in accordance with regulations issued by RIDOH.

22. All gyms and fitness centers must develop a COVID-19 Control Plan which shall be available for inspection by the Task Force created by Executive Order 20-32. A template for COVID-19 Control Plans can be found at <https://ReopeningRI.com>.

Re-Opening of All State Parks and Beaches

23. The Department of Environmental Management shall open all state parks and beaches subject to limits on use, parking, capacity and other restrictions. Those requirements and restrictions are available at www.riparks.com/covid19.

Restrictions on Indoor Places of Assembly; Limited Outdoor Assembly Activities Permitted

24. All recreation and entertainment establishments, except those operated by the State, shall continue to cease in-person operations except as permitted in accordance with Phase II Guidance for Outdoor Recreational Businesses and Cultural/Historical Sites. Recreation and entertainment operations subject to this Order include, but are not limited to, theaters, cinemas, sporting events, bowling alleys, night clubs, performance venues (e.g. theaters, concert halls, comedy clubs), and arcades.
25. Recreational businesses and historical/cultural establishments may conduct limited outdoor operations and, under certain circumstances (described in Phase II Guidance for Outdoor Recreational Businesses and Cultural/Historical Sites), related indoor operations. Examples of these operations include outdoor mini golf courses, batting cages, go-kart tracks, rail biking, bumper cars, zoos, horseback riding, and historical sites. These operations are subject to (1)

capacity limits of one person per 150 square feet of generally-accessible space, (2) capacity limits of the lesser of 25% or one person per 150 square feet for any indoor space; (3) applicable municipal approval(s), and (4) Phase II Guidance for Outdoor Recreation Businesses and Historical/Cultural Sites. The DBR shall make determinations regarding whether such establishments including historical/cultural sites are permitted to conduct indoor operations.

26. Indoor and outdoor events must adhere to the social gathering limit of 15 people.
27. All recreational and entertainment establishments, including historic/cultural establishments must develop a COVID-19 Control Plan which shall be available for inspection by the Task Force created by Executive Order 20-32. A template for COVID-19 Control Plans can be found at <https://ReopeningRI.com>.
28. Notwithstanding the foregoing restrictions on places of assembly, religious and faith-based organizations may resume indoor in-person activities up to 25% percent of worship space capacity and subject to the Phase II guidelines for religious and faith-based organizations which are available at <https://ReopeningRI.com>. Live streaming or broadcasting of religious services or attendance through outdoor drive-in services are permitted and strongly recommended, particularly for vulnerable populations, including those over 65 years of age.
29. All houses of worship must develop a COVID-19 Control Plan which shall be available for inspection by the Task Force created by Executive Order 20-32. A template for COVID-19 Control Plans can be found at <https://ReopeningRI.com>.

Child-Care Services to Resume in Small, Stable Groups

30. Child-care services shall resume in small, stable groups pursuant to emergency regulations promulgated by the Rhode Island Department of Human Services.

Elective Medical Procedures and Medical Services to Continue

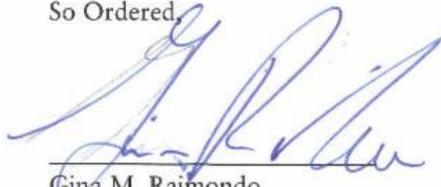
31. Elective medical procedures and other medical services shall continue pursuant to plans submitted by healthcare providers and approved by RIDOH.

Enforcement Task Force to Continue its Education, Inspection and Enforcement Mandate

32. The Task Force created by Executive Order 20-32 shall continue its work to educate businesses, governmental entities and other establishments on safely maintaining and re-opening operations in Phase II. Task Force inspectors shall continue to conduct inspections of businesses, governmental establishments and other establishments as well as to enforce the emergency regulations promulgated by RIDOH. The Task Force, through RIDOH, shall issue compliance orders under Chapter 1 of Title 23.
33. The DBR shall make determinations regarding the ways in which a business, organization, or operation (or a portion of such business, operation or organization) is to be categorized within the provisions of this executive order or within other state guidance documents. In doing so, DBR may determine the executive order and guidance provisions under which a business or organization is to operate or by which it is to be guided.

Paragraphs 28 and 29 of this Order shall take effect on Saturday, May 30, 2020. The remaining provisions of this Order shall take effect Monday, June 1, 2020 and shall remain in full force and effect until Monday, June 29, 2020 unless renewed, modified, or terminated by subsequent Executive Order.

So Ordered,



Gina M. Raimondo
Governor



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND COVID-19 RESPONSE

Hello friend,

Every Rhode Islander deserves access to high-quality health care. That's always been my belief, and I'm proud of the work we've done in Rhode Island to lower the cost of insurance. But the virus has also illuminated many of the inequities in healthcare access and outcomes that have persisted for decades. We can't accept this. As we begin to recover as a state from the COVID-19 pandemic, we must rebuild our health care system and make it stronger.



WATCH THE VIDEO

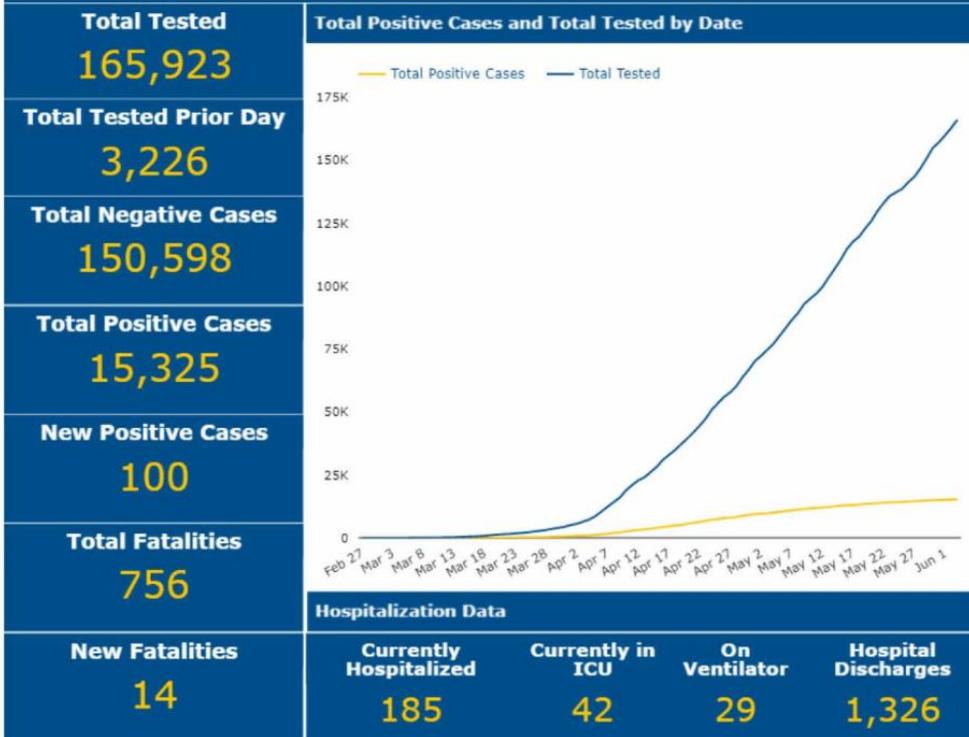
Luckily for us here in Rhode Island, we're fully committed to this work. Together with a group of stakeholders, we've built a long-term health plan focused on improving health in Rhode Island, and **today I will be signing an executive order affirming our commitment to this work over the long haul.**

I also want to share with you a few of the things that we are doing immediately to shore up our healthcare system:

- Last week, we launched a hospital relief fund to help hospitals offset immediate costs and prepare for the future.
- We've taken great strides to expand access to telehealth since the start of this pandemic. I have extended that executive order for another 30 days to July 5. This access is critical in this crisis, but it's also helping to break down barriers to healthcare access across our state. **We need to work to make these expansions permanent**, and I'm committed to working with the General Assembly to do so here in Rhode Island.



Rhode Island Department of Health COVID-19 Data Tracker



To stay up to date with Rhode Island's latest COVID-19 statistics, please check the Department of Health's [new data dashboard](#) for all the information you need about the spread of coronavirus in Rhode Island.

In the coming days, I'll be back to share more about additional investments we'll be making in our health equity zones, primary care providers and other critical areas of our health system. **Our work is just beginning.**

We're all in this together.

-Gina Raimondo
Governor

P.S.: Information is our greatest weapon in the fight against COVID-19, If you or someone you know wants to sign up to receive these emails, you can use [this link](#).



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND COVID-19 RESPONSE

Hello friend,

A few weeks ago, I outlined the four data points we're watching closely as we track the trends of this virus. These are the metrics that, taken together, tell us whether the virus is continuing on its downward trajectory and it's safe to lift more restrictions, or whether we're seeing a resurgence and we need to pump the brakes.

Three weeks ago, we lifted the stay-at-home order. We know it takes about two weeks to see the impact of any policy changes we make. That means that, if our behavior during the first week of Phase 1 caused an increase in the spread of the virus, we would see that reflected in the data by now. Fortunately, that's not what we're seeing. **Today, I'm excited to announce that all four of these metrics are where we want them to be.** Because of that, we can officially move into Phase 2 on Monday.

Moving to Phase 2

Indicators	Consider moving ahead a phase	As of May 29
01 Hospital Capacity	Less than 70% of beds filled	✓ Less than 30% of beds filled
02 New Hospitalizations	Consistently 30 or fewer new hospitalizations daily	✓ Consistently fewer than 30 new hospitalizations
03 Rate of Spread	R Value = 1.1 or lower	✓ R Value = -0.7
04 Doubling Rate of Hospitalizations	Hospitalizations doubling every 30 days or more	✓ Hospitalizations declining

First, we said we needed to see less than 70% of hospital beds filled with COVID patients. We have less than half of that – we're below 30% -- and in fact our hospitalizations have been on a steady decline for more than a month.

Second, we needed to see consistently 30 or fewer new hospitalizations each day. We are seeing well below 30. Most days we see new hospitalizations in the high teens or low 20s.

Third, we said we needed to see our rate of spread – known as the “R-value” – at 1.1 or lower. I'm particularly pleased with where this metric is today. A couple months ago, our R-value was as high as 4, meaning four people were being infected by each person who had the virus. Today, our R-value is around 0.7. In other words, only 7 people are infected by every 10 people who have the virus. We've seen that number on a continuous decline, and that's great news.

Fourth, we said we wanted to see hospitalizations doubling at a rate of every month or more. Fortunately, hospitalizations are continuing to decline, meaning we're not seeing any doubling at all.

As we enter Phase 2, we're going to continue keeping a close eye on these four metrics, and if we continue on the path we're on, then I'm optimistic that we'll be able to enter into Phase 3 in July. But if we start getting lax about the public safety precautions, then we may need to take a step back.



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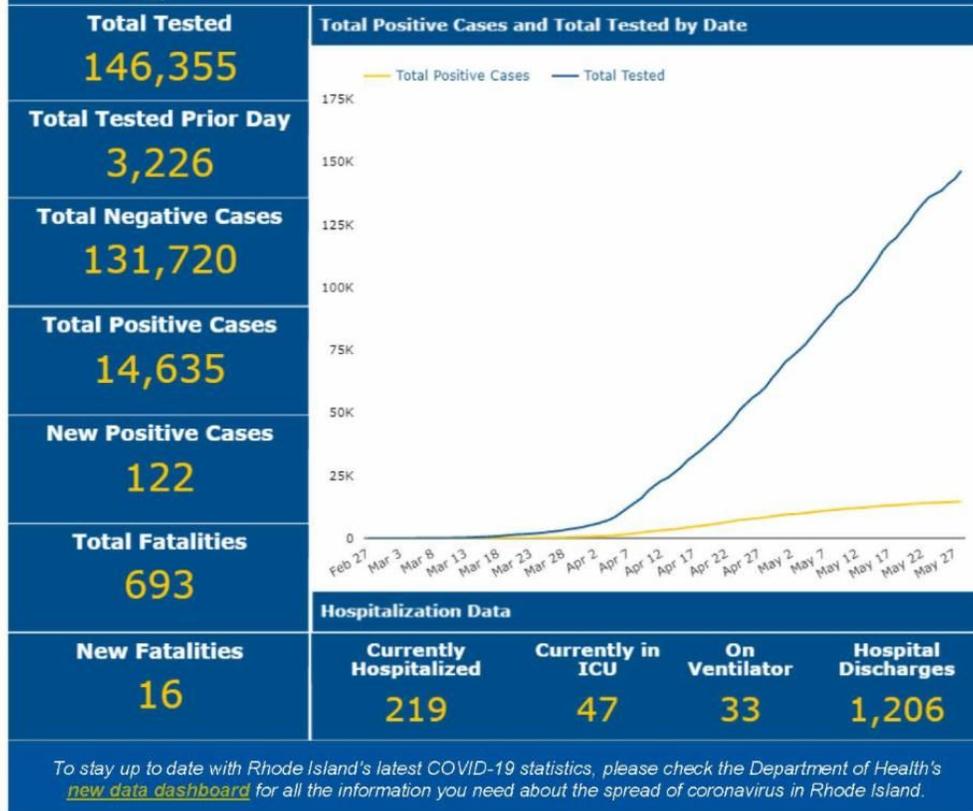
I'm excited about what's ahead in Phase 2. Nearly every sector of our economy will see some form of reopening – from hairdressers and barbers to nail salons, indoor dining at restaurants, malls, gyms and outdoor recreation. We're able to do this because we've worked collaboratively with the industries and health professionals to come up with a set of guidelines to help you open responsibly and keep employees and customers safe.

If you own a business and are getting ready to reopen on Monday, here are some steps you should take:

- Visit [ReopeningRI.com](https://www.reopeningri.com) and review both the Phase 2 general business guidelines and the guidance documents specific to your individual sector (restaurants, retail, hair and personal services, gyms, etc).
- Please make sure that you've completed your COVID-19 control plan. There's a template for that plan on the [ReopeningRI.com](https://www.reopeningri.com) website – please complete the plan before you reopen.
- If you missed Commerce's Facebook Live Town Hall or want a refresher, you can watch them on the [Rhode Island Commerce Facebook page](#).
- If you're a small business who is looking for masks and cleaning solutions, Commerce is making these available through industry associations and local chambers of commerce. Visit www.commerceri.com for information and locations on how you can pick that up.



Rhode Island Department of Health COVID-19 Data Tracker



This next step of our reopening is only possible because of your hard work. By following our public health guidance, we've been able to slow the spread of COVID-19. I am incredibly proud of Rhode Islanders, but we're not out of the woods. As we reopen, we will need to be more cautious than ever. We all have an obligation to our friends, families, and neighbors to play it safe and follow the new guidance. If we do, we'll continue to reopen our economy and get back towards normal.

We're all in this together.

-Gina Raimondo
Governor

P.S.: Information is our greatest weapon in the fight against COVID-19. If you or someone you know wants to sign up to receive these emails, you can use [this link](#).



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COVID-19 Data Update

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fatalities is now 742. A full data summary for Rhode Island is [posted online](#).

Key messages for the public

- Rhode Island is now in Phase 2 of the reopening process. More information about Phase 2 is available at www.reopeningri.com.
- 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 after the last day that that person was in isolation. Direct close contact means being within approximately six feet of a person for a prolonged period.
- When people are in public, they should wear a cloth face covering.
- Keep your groups consistent and small.
- 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, write to RIDOH.COVID19Questions@health.ri.gov, or call 401-222-8022.
- Everyone can help stop the spread of viruses in Rhode Island.
 - 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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COVID-19 Data Update

The Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) announced 101 new cases of COVID-19 today. This brings Rhode Island's case count to 15,112. RIDOH also announced 12 additional COVID-19 associated fatalities. Rhode Island's number of COVID-19 associated fatalities is now 732. A full data summary for Rhode Island is [posted online](#).



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COVID-19 Data Update

The Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) announced 67 new cases of COVID-19 today. This brings Rhode Island's case count to 14,991. RIDOH also announced two additional COVID-19 associated fatalities. Rhode Island's number of COVID-19 associated fatalities is now 720. A full data summary for Rhode Island is [posted online](#).



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Rhode Island to Begin Phase 2 Monday, June 1st

Governor Gina M. Raimondo and Nicole Alexander-Scott, MD, MPH, the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) provided an update on Rhode Island's response to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) crisis.

Today the Governor announced that Rhode Island will officially move into Phase 2 on Monday, June 1st. This decision was guided by the four key metrics the Governor had previously said would guide decisions about further reopening: hospital capacity, new hospitalizations, rate of spread, and doubling rate of hospitalizations (see attached).

Businesses that are prepared to reopen Monday should:

- Visit ReopeningRI.com and review both the Phase 2 general business guidelines and the guidance documents specific to their individual sector.
- Complete their Covid-19 control plan. Templates are available on the ReopeningRI.com website.

The Governor also announced that in-person nursing home and assisted living visitation will continue to be suspended in Phase 2.

COVID-19 Data Update

RIDOH announced 122 new cases of COVID-19 today. This brings Rhode Island's case count to 14,635. RIDOH also announced 16 additional COVID-19 associated fatalities. Rhode Island's number of COVID-19 associated fatalities is now 693. A full data summary for Rhode Island is [posted online](#).

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