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BARRINGTON TOWN MANAGER DAILY UPDATE



Barrington Heroes of the DAY

Today's heroes are the **Barrington Town Hall staff!** All Town Hall departments have continued to operate throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Town Clerk, Finance, Building Official, Planning, Tax Assessor, Recreation and Senior Services offices have continued to meet the needs of our town and provide services to our residents. To the Town Hall staff for your professionalism and dedication we say . . . **THANK YOU!**

- **Reopening Rhode Island**

Governor Raimondo's presentation:

https://reopeningri.s3.amazonaws.com/REOPENINGRI_4_27_20_1227pm_CS.pdf

The key is flexibility!

- **Phase 1** – Testing the Water (Goal is May 9th).
 - Stay at home order lifted.
 - Gatherings 10 people or less.
 - Masks, hand-washing, increased cleaning remain in place.
 - Social distancing >6 feet.
 - Parks open, elective surgery and dental care resume, remote work with some on site.

- Limited restaurant dining (in & outdoor), limited hair salon and barbershop openings with significant restrictions.
- **Phase II – Navigating our Way**
 - Further relaxed restrictions.
 - Expanded child-care, more restaurants, retail and close-contact businesses (hair and nail salons).
 - Increase gatherings from 10 to 15 people.
 - Masks, hand-washing and increased cleaning.
 - Social distancing >6 feet.
- **Phase III – Picking up Speed**
 - Less restrictions for all businesses.
 - Gathering of up to 50 people.
 - Masks, hand-washing and increased cleaning.
 - Social distancing >6 feet.

Reminders:

- **The Governor's Stay at Home Order remains in effect.**
- Face coverings are required for all employees and customers on commercial and municipal buildings. Face coverings are NOT required outdoors, but physical distancing (6') is required.
- Recreation areas (playgrounds, parks, tennis courts, basketball courts, athletic fields, Barrington Beach parking, Walker Farm, Dog Park, St. Andrews Farm, Osemequin Reserve) are closed.
- Gatherings of groups greater than five (5) are prohibited.
- Returning to RI from out-of-state requires fourteen (14) days of self-quarantine.
- Yard Sales – Department of Business Regulation (DBR) considers yard sales as non-essential retail and are therefore prohibited.
- Barrington Executive Orders - most recent is 2020-04 (Amended) and can be found at: http://www.barrington.ri.gov/documents/topics/coronavirus/BarringtonEXORD2020_04amended.pdf.
- **If you observe any violations of the emergency Executive Orders, please contact Barrington Public Safety Dispatch at (401) 437-3935.**

General Information:

- **Barrington Town website:** <http://www.barrington.ri.gov/>.
- **Kids Press Conference:** Thursday, April 30 at 1PM, Governor Raimondo will hold a second Kids Press Conference. Students can submit questions for the Governor here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSebN3b7fdFPKu5MmdXawyeG2Cj-Q7SngXzcdZY0Bn0o5B4Rug/viewform> .
- **2020 Census:** Please take a few minutes to complete the 2020 Census at <https://2020census.gov/>.

- **Memorial Day Parade** – the Barrington United Veterans' Council sponsored parade scheduled for Monday, May 25th has been cancelled.
- **Distance learning support** for parents through the Highlander Institute: <https://highlanderinstitute.org/distance-learning-helpline/>.
- If you have questions, in need assistance, or would like to volunteer, please call the **Barrington Hotline 247-1900 X384**.
- **Food** – if in need of a food delivery, you have several options available:
 - **Barrington Hotline** @ 247-1900 X384 or dial 211 (United Way Hotline)
 - **RI Delivers**: <http://www.oha.ri.gov/deliveryoptions/>
 - **RI Thrives** is available for deliveries of groceries, medication, and health, beauty & medical supplies. For more information go to: www.rithrives.com.
- **Rooms** for first responders and healthcare workers
 - **Hotel rooms** – available at reduced costs for quarantined / isolation at <https://www.RIHavens.com>.
 - **Brown University Dorm Rooms** – 700 rooms available for healthcare and first responders.
- **Health Information**
 - **RI Department of Health COVID-19 statistics** – get the latest data at <https://ri-department-of-health-covid-19-data-rihealth.hub.arcgis.com/>.
 - **Testing Sites** – There are several testing sites across the state for those exhibiting symptoms. For more information, <https://health.ri.gov/covid/testing/#1>.
 - **COVID Connectors** – looking for I-Pad, tablet and I-phone donations to help hospital and nursing home patients stay connected to their loved ones. <https://www.covidconnectors.org>
 - **RI COVID-19 Self-Checker** – will provide recommendations and answer questions based on CDC recommendations. Go to: <https://covidselfcheck.ri.gov/>.
 - **Health Source RI** – will remain open for new subscribers until April 30th. Go to: <https://healthsourceri.com/>.
 - **Violence Prevention** – People who are surviving violence in their relationships or families may be experiencing increased isolation and danger during the COVID-19 pandemic. Rhode Islanders seeking help can call the 24/7 confidential hotline at 1-800-494-8100. A comprehensive resource document can be found in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).
- **Job Information**
 - **RI Congregate Care Wage Supplement Fund** – will provide increased wages for healthcare workers making less than \$20/hour. Employers apply at RI Health & Human Services.
 - **Unemployment Insurance** – Applicants are encouraged to apply on-line (<https://www.dlt.ri.gov>) and be sure all data fields are completed.

- **Job Openings** – there are over 2000 openings in RI. Visit www.employri.org or <https://skillsforri.com/> for a listing.
- **Healthcare Professionals** – are desperately needed throughout the State. If you are a retired, former or part-time healthcare professional please go to: www.RIResponds.org.
- **Business Information**
 - **R.I. Small Business Assistance:** <https://commerceri.com/>, or 401-521-HELP.
 - **Microenterprise (MicroE) Stabilization Grant Program** - Rhode Island's microenterprise stabilization grant program is designed to assist small businesses that have been impacted by COVID-19 and left out of federal stimulus programs to-date. The program will provide grants of up to \$5,000 to qualifying microenterprises. Funds may be used for working capital to cover business costs, such as rent, staffing, utilities. Barrington has \$50,000 available in MicroE grants. For more information go to: <https://barrington.ri.gov/coronavirus> or contact Barrington's Economic Development Director, Debra Page-Trim at DPageTrim@barrington.ri.gov.
 - **Small Business COVID-19 Relief** – <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options>
 - **Barrington Business Hours:** <https://www.barringtonhours.com/>.
- **Home Insecure Information**
 - 20 local financial institutions have agreed to the following:
 - 90-day grace period on mortgage payments.
 - 60-day moratorium on foreclosures and evictions.
 - List of financial institutions available at <https://dbr.ri.gov/>.
 - Courts are closed until May 17th.
- For **Barrington emergency notifications**, please sign-up for Barrington i-Contact at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScN3_8wzGc8GSH3UNA3dV1MHSKdtHQGx_ETAwVIL0kimHjjbQ/viewform?fbzx=-8406604256639634892.