



TOWN OF BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND
OFFICE OF TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

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SUMMARY OF STATE AND TOWN COVID-19 MANDATES

Under the authority of Town of Bristol's Second Renewed Declaration of State of Emergency (Executive Order 20-04), the Town has directed the following:

- All Rhode Island residents are required to stay home unless traveling to work, traveling for medical treatment or obtaining necessities (food, medicine, gas, etc.). Residents can still go outside to exercise and get fresh air but must practice social distancing and avoid touching surfaces frequently touched by others.
- Anyone who is sick must 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. Direct close contact means being within approximately 6 feet of a person for a prolonged period.
- Groups over five (5) people are prohibited. Avoid close personal contact with other people in public.
- People who think they have COVID-19 should call their healthcare provider for a consultation. Do not go directly to a healthcare facility without first calling a healthcare provider (unless you are experiencing a medical emergency).
- The Town of Bristol has closed its playgrounds, courts, and fields to the public until further notice. The Town of Bristol parks are open for the use of individual and family walking and exercise. The Bristol Police Department will enforce the Emergency Order social distancing and group gathering directives.

Violations of provisions of a State or Town Emergency Order is punishable by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500), with every day a violation continues considered a separate violation.

In addition, the Town of Bristol is providing the following advisories and notices:

- The Rhode Island Department of Health encourages wearing cloth masks when in public.
- Help is available for people living in quarantine or isolation due to COVID-19. Visit www.RIDelivers.com for connections to groceries, home supplies, restaurants, and mutual aid groups. People can also call 2-1-1. Homebound senior residents can also sign up for the Bristol Dinner Program by calling 401-253-2310.

- Town Offices are closed to the public. It is highly recommended that constituents conduct their business with the Town through the website (www.bristolri.gov), email or U.S. mail.
- The Town of Bristol is continuing its essential public meeting through the Zoom video conference website.
- For local questions or special assistance related to COVID-19, residents can contact the Bristol COVID-19 Task Force at 401-253-2310. Information is also available on the Town of Bristol website at www.bristolri.gov/738/4933/COVID-19.
- If you are a business in need of assistance:
 - Commerce RI is available by phone at 401-521-HELP to provide technical assistance and offer information on the State resources available. Additional details are available on their website at <https://commerceri.com/covid-19/>.
 - Bristol COVID-19 Business Task Force: The Town of Bristol is working with community partners to share available resources/services to businesses. For assistance, please call 401-253-7000 ext. 129 or email cvitale@bristolri.gov. Voicemail messages will be referred to Bristol's COVID-19 Business Task Force. Additional information is available on the Town of Bristol website at www.bristolri.gov/738/4933/COVID-19.

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