



TOWN OF BARRINGTON RHODE ISLAND

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TOWN MANAGER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE BARRINGTON TOWN MANAGER

Barrington residents,

We are in a State of Emergency and I am using this message to provide you with some very important information and to ask for your assistance.

First, I would like to thank all of you for your support and continued cooperation in taking proactive actions to curtail the spread of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. I would also like to extend my sincerest gratitude to the “fighters” on the frontlines of this epic battle; the medical personnel that are testing and treating the sick, Barrington’s dedicated Public Safety personnel in the Fire and Police Departments that are responding to emergencies in our community, and the municipal and school department staffs that are working diligently to minimize the impact on our families, community and businesses. I also want to thank those residents who are generously volunteering to help their neighbors and our local businesses for their cooperation.

The Barrington Town Council has declared a State of Emergency. The following emergency actions have been taken:

- Schools are closed, distance learning begins on Monday, March 23rd.
- Barrington Public Library will remain closed through Sunday, April 5th.
- Town Hall, School Department and Public Works offices are not open to visitors. Residents are encouraged to use the Finance Department Entrance Dropbox for paperwork and payments or do business on-line. Please call (247-1900) for information.
- Restaurants are open for takeout and delivery only.
- Daycare centers, athletic fields and playgrounds are closed.
- Organized athletics are cancelled.
- Group gatherings can be no larger than twenty-five (25).
- Trash pick-up may be delayed in the coming weeks due to manpower losses by our contractor. If delays become necessary, pickups will be prioritized: (1) trash, (2) recycling, and (3) yard waste.
- Quarterly tax payments are due on March 30th. However, interest will not be charged on late payments made prior to May 1st.

The following are requests and recommendations:

- Call or visit (from a safe distance) our elderly residents to see if they are okay.
- Please patronize local Barrington restaurants (takeout or delivery) and businesses.
- Support non-profits. Donate to shelters and food banks, especially Tap-In.
- Please throw disposal wipes in the trash, flushing causes sewer pump station problems.
- Consider donating blood, there is an extreme shortage. RI Blood Center (401) 453-8383.

**Barrington COVID-19 Hotline is (401) 247-1900 X384.
It is available for referrals, assistance and volunteers.**

If you have a fever or respiratory symptoms, contact your healthcare provider or the RI Department of Health screening line (401) 222-8022, they will determine what actions need to be taken. Please do NOT drive to the doctor's office or the emergency room!

Barrington will continue to update the community regularly through:

- Town Website (www.barrington.ri.gov)
- Town Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/barringtonri/>)
- Town Twitter (https://twitter.com/RI_Barrington/)

It is recommended that all residents sign up for the CodeRED Emergency Alert System which will be used for all emergency notifications (<https://public.oderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/A3AC6FD087D9>).

I am asking all residents to do their part to keep themselves, their families and their neighbors safe. As a community, we need everyone to do their part to stop the spread of COVID-19. Practice recommended hygiene precautions, self-quarantine if you have traveled outside of the US or are symptomatic. Together, we will bring our community through this crisis.

Be safe, be healthy and do your part!

Sincerely,



J. J. CUNHA