



TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN

PRESS RELEASE

OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

NOTICE REGARDING CLOSURES OF LIBRARY, SENIOR CENTER, RECREATION CENTER, NEIGHBORHOOD GUILD, AND ANIMAL SHELTER IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

MARCH 13, 2020: The Town of South Kingstown is monitoring the ongoing situation related to COVID-19 (coronavirus), is following State and Federal guidance to help promote the health and safety of our community, and is implementing additional precautionary measures to reduce opportunities for COVID-19 transmission in South Kingstown.

In response to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, **the Town has made the difficult decision to close, effective Saturday March 14th, 2020 through Sunday March 22nd, 2020 the following buildings to the public: Peace Dale Library, Kingston Free Library, Robert Beverly Hale Library, the Senior Center, the Neighborhood Guild, the Recreation Center, and the South Kingstown Animal Shelter.**

At this time, programming at the Libraries, the Senior Center, the Guild, and the Rec Center as outlined in the Town's March 12th Press Release remains suspended through Friday March 27th, 2020. The Town will provide updates in advance of March 22nd, 2020 to identify if the closure will be extended, or if the facilities will reopen to the public.

During this closure, staff will continue to report to work, however the facilities will be closed to the public, with no exceptions. Residents in need of service or assistance from these facilities may contact staff by phone or by email during regular business hours. At this time, all other municipal offices remain open to the public during regular business hours, however the Town is encouraging residents in need of service to call or email for assistance when possible, or even go online as the Town's website offers a number of resources. Contact information for all Town Departments can be found on the Town's website, www.southkingstownri.com.

All residents, and especially seniors and people of all ages with underlying health conditions, are strongly encouraged to minimize their risk through the use of social distancing, proper handwashing, proper cough and sneeze etiquette, and the Town encourages residents of all ages to remain home if you are sick.

All residents are strongly encouraged to stay up to date on the Federal, State, and local response to and guidance on the evolving COVID-19 situation. The Town notes that new measures were issued by Governor Raimondo today regarding schools, nursing homes, and anyone who has traveled internationally in the last 14 days, detailed in the RIDOH press release dated March 13th, 2020 available at www.health.ri.gov/news.

Because of the evolving nature of this ongoing community health situation, the Town may implement additional mitigation measures with short notice, and the information provided here is subject to change. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. For additional updates from the Town, as well as information and resources related to COVID-19, we encourage residents to visit www.southkingstownri.com. Updates and information will also be shared via the Town's official Facebook page, www.facebook.com/southkingstownri. Questions can be referred to the Town Manager's Office at (401) 789-9331 x1201.