



TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN

PRESS RELEASE

OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

MUNICIPAL FIELD USE RESTRICTED AND FIELD USE PERMITS NOW VOID IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

MARCH 19, 2020: The Town of South Kingstown is monitoring the ongoing COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, 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.

The Town of South Kingstown Parks and Recreation Department announced today that **effective immediately, all field use permits are void until further notice, and all leagues, teams, groups of ten or more, and athletic clubs are prohibited from using municipal athletic fields.** It is expected that residents, local partners, and youth athletic organizations will support and adhere to this policy and share this information with coaches, parents, and players. Fields will be monitored regularly. If teams are found to be gathering and practicing while this policy is in effect, the Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel future use of fields by these groups. We appreciate your cooperation.

Guidance for Members of Public:

During this pandemic, all residents are strongly advised to minimize their risk through the use of social distancing, proper handwashing, and proper cough and sneeze etiquette. The Town echoes the guidance issued by the Governor that residents should avoid crowded places and to please stay home except for running essential errands such as going to the grocery store. The current CDC guidance is to limit all gatherings to not more than 10 people and to maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from other people. All residents are strongly advised to remain home if you are sick or under self-quarantine. All residents are strongly advised to stay up to date on the Federal, State, and local response to and guidance on the evolving COVID-19 situation. Please visit the Town's COVID-19 webpage for up to date information and links to Federal, State, and local resources www.southkingstownri.com/998/COVID-19.

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.