



Town of South Kingstown, Rhode Island

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Town Manager

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-04

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of South Kingstown declared a state of emergency through an emergency ordinance enacted on March 15, 2020 to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council delegated emergency authority to the Town Manager to take measures he deems necessary in order to protect public health and safety in response to the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, social distancing is the most effective and important tool available to combat the spread of the pandemic;

NOW THEREFORE, in furtherance of Department of Health directives and to prevent crowding at retail and grocery stores, the following emergency measures are enacted as of 5:00 PM today, March 26, 2020:

Retail and Grocers must:

- Allow no more than 20% of stated fire capacity in the store at a time, not including employees;
- Require staff to count the number of customers entering and exiting the store and enforce limits;
- Clearly mark 6' spacing in lines and other high-traffic areas. Stores should consider posting signage or using ropes to direct customers and to limit bottlenecks/encourage flow in high-density areas of stores;
- Designate employees to monitor social distancing and assist customers;
- Maximize space between customers and employees at checkout;
- Designate employee(s) to ensure the cleaning guidelines set by the CDC are followed;
- Discontinue self-serve foods and product sampling; and
- Offer exclusive hours for those in high-risk populations, including seniors, where stores will restrict entrance to maintain 10% of fire capacity.

Larger grocery stores and retailers with more than 25,000 square feet are encouraged to offer pickup and/or delivery options.

Robert Zarnetske, Town Manager

Date: MARCH 26th, 2020

Attest:

Susan M. Flynn, Town Clerk