



# TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN

## PRESS RELEASE

OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

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### STAY AT HOME & GATHERING LIMIT ORDERS EXTENDED, NONCOMPLIANCE PENALTIES, AND PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

**APRIL 7, 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.

In response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the State of Emergency declared by the Governor March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the Declaration of Emergency by the Town Council March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020, and in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order 20-15 and the Town Manager's Executive Order 2020-05, the Town is providing notice of the following.

**The Town Manager has authorized by Executive Order 2020-06 the following emergency measures, effective immediately:**

- **The timeframe for the Stay at Home order initially authorized in Executive Order 2020-05 paragraph 1 is extended through May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020**
- **The Gatherings Limitation of not more than 5 initially authorized in Executive Order 2020-05 paragraph 2 are extended through May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020**
- **Those gathering in groups of more than 5 will be subject to a fine or arrest for willful disobedience**
- **Parking is restricted in the beach areas (as defined within the Executive Order) during the State of Emergency, and violators will be towed**

The Police Department is authorized to enforce these regulations in accordance with State directives and Emergency Management Statute. The full Executive Order is attached to this Press Release for ease in reference.

**Guidance for Members of the Public:** During this pandemic, all residents are strongly advised to minimize their risk through the use of social distancing. The Town and the Governor have ordered residents to please stay home, except for running essential errands such as going to the grocery store or pharmacy, and to remain home if you are sick (with any symptoms). Gatherings have been limited to no more than 5 people, and be advised that even when gathering in small numbers, social distancing guidance is to maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from other people. Travelers to Rhode Island and some residents are required to self-quarantine for 14 days and per the Governor's Orders. 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](http://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](http://www.southkingstownri.com). Updates and information will also be shared via the Town's official Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/southkingstownri](http://www.facebook.com/southkingstownri). Questions can be referred to the Town Manager's Office at (401) 789-9331 x1201.



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Town Manager

### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

### EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-06

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, the following emergency measures are enacted as of Tuesday, April 7, 2020:

1. All South Kingstown residents are required to stay home unless traveling to work, traveling for medical treatment or obtaining necessities (food, medicine, gas, etc.). South Kingstown residents may still go outside to exercise and get fresh air, however, they must practice social distancing while outside and avoid touching surfaces frequently touched by others.
2. All gatherings of more than five (5) people in any public or private space such as an auditorium, stadium, arena, large conference room, meeting hall, library, theater, place of worship, parade, fair, festival, park or beach, are prohibited.
3. Persons congregating in groups of more than five (5) will be subject to a fine or arrest for willful disobedience of this order.
4. Parking in the beach areas, as defined herein, is hereby restricted during the state of emergency. Violators will be towed.
5. "Beach areas," as used in this executive order, includes the following locations/roadways:
  - a. Succotash Road;
  - b. Jerusalem;
  - c. the State Pier;
  - d. Matunuck Beach Road;
  - e. Ocean Avenue;
  - f. Card's Pond Road;
  - g. Moonstone Beach Road;
  - h. Green Hill Beach Road;
  - i. Ocean Drive;
  - j. Charlestown Beach Road East;
  - k. the South Kingstown Town Beach; and
  - l. All roadways adjacent to the enumerated roadways/places listed herein.

6. For private residences or businesses that have not been closed pursuant to Governor Raimondo's executive orders, parking in the above-listed beach areas will not be prohibited if sufficient off-street parking is not available for occupants or customers thereof.
7. This executive order shall remain in effect until May 8, 2020 unless terminated prior to that date by a subsequent order. This executive order may be further extended if necessary by a subsequent executive order.

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Robert Zarnetske, Town Manager

Date: April 7, 2020

Attest

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan M. Flynn", written in a cursive style.

Susan M. Flynn, Town Clerk