State COVID-Operation Snapshot for Rhode Island

Masks have been mandatory since May 8 under Gov. Gina Raimondo's executive order, which requires face coverings for people over age 2 in retail outlets, and in other public spaces unless they “can easily, continuously, and measurably maintain at least 6 feet of distance from other people (see order below).

Visitors from states with a positivity rate of COVID-19 greater than 5% are required to self-quarantine for 14 days upon arrival in the state. Travelers can avoid the quarantine requirement by presenting a negative COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours of arrival (see travel info below).

Rhode Island is currently under a stay in place order closing only non-essential retail businesses in the state through May 8. The order has no apparent impact for manufacturers.

The order saw first imposed on March 28.

Gov. Raimondo has issued a “Reopening Rhode Island” plan that outlines the operating conditions under a phased reopening starting on May 9, but with no definite timetable attached to those conditions.

Gov. Raimondo has also ordered all out-of-state visitors who travel to the state for a non-work reason to self-quarantine for 14 days.

Beginning May 8, all employees of customer-facing businesses, office-based businesses and nonprofits, construction businesses, and manufacturers must wear cloth face coverings while at work. All these businesses must provide face coverings for their employees. Face coverings can include scarves, bandanas and other homemade and non-factory-made masks. Please see guidance on face covering from the Department of Business Regulation in link below.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Rhode Mask Order — Read Here
- Rhode Island Travel Info — Read Here
- Rhode Island Stay in Place Order — Read Here
- Rhode Island Stay in Place Order Extension — Read Here
- Reopening Rhode Island Plan – Click Here
- Guidance on Face Coverings – Click Here
- Rhode Island Manufacturers Association Resource Page – Click Here

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