

RI Alliance for Business Resilience
SEOC Situation Report (3/24/20 16:00)
ESF18 Summary for Business Community
March 25, 2020
(report updates in blue)

Incident Overview:

On March 9, Governor Gina M. Raimondo declared a State of Emergency in Rhode Island. As of 03/13/2020, in order to support RIDOH with the statewide COVID2019 response, the priority of state resources will be dedicated to support the RIDOH and the immediate health and medical sector. The State Emergency Operations Center has been activated to Level 1 as of 0900 3/14/2020 until further notice.

- March 9: State Declaration of Disaster
- March 13: National Declaration
- March 13: RI Federal Declaration 3440
- March 16: Executive Order 20-04
- March 16: Executive Order 20-05
- March 18: Executive Order 20-06 (Expanded Telemedicine)
- March 20: Executive Order 20-07 (Extended time for Weapons Background Check)
- March 20: Executive Order 20-08 (Support for Restaurants/Bars to Sell Alcohol)
- March 22: Executive Order 20-09 (Public Gatherings, Close-Contact Business, et.al.)
- March 23: Executive Order 20-10 (Quarantine Restrictions On Domestic Air Travelers)
- March 23: Executive Order 20-11 (Delaying the Primary Elections)

(All Executive Orders & other documents mentioned in this report are posted on www.riabr.org/covid-19)

Current Response Operations (as of 3/24/20 at 16:00 hrs):

- 124 people tested positive (+18)
- 1143 people tested negative (+23)
- 196 tests with results pending. (+119)
- 3000 (approximate) people self-quarantined (+197)
- 2 Persons in RIEMA/Health quarantine site (+2)
- Emergency Worker Child care plan completed
- I-295 North Rest Area in Lincoln – Reopened, RIDOT will provide security while building is open daily 8-4.
- ESF18/Business Alliance continues entering business leads offering medical products into State system
- DOA is preparing identified facilities for quarantine
- With new primary election date, will need to plan for mailing ballots and how towns/cities will handle influx with limited staff
- Coordinating with FEMA and USACE on survey of potential surge sites

- FEMA food delivery arrived at RI Food Bank 3/23
- DMV is operating through an online reservation system only
- DMV waiving the requirement for VIN checks prior to registration
- Commerce has provided guidance for evictions and banks. Making FAQ in English + Spanish
- DEM concerned with impact to wastewater treatment plants due to non-flushable wipes
- I-295 North Rest Area in Lincoln closed. RIDOT will coordinate bathrooms on site while the rest area is closed.
- DHS processing 5 emergency child care contracts
- Minor schedule changes on the Block Island Ferry starting 3/26 to accommodate enhanced vessel cleaning.
- OHA (Office Healthy Aging) seeing growing need for food and other supplies for those in quarantine – limited access to PeaPod, Amazon Prime, etc.
- RIDOC (Commerce) is evaluating possibility of producing masks within correctional industries, other alternatives.
- RIDE (Dept of Education) is still looking to find funding for districts to provide hotspots to families
- DPUC (Dept of Public Utilities) receiving questions on potential future credentialing issues for essential services
- RIEMA/FEMA Coordination on food delivery to food banks
- Board of Elections and Secretary of State's office of Elections pending decision on Primary date
- Potential of accumulations of an inch or two of slushy snow expected late Monday (3/23) into Tuesday (3/24) morning
- Two swabbing sites are operational
- State averaging 300 COVID-19 tests/day
- Major grocery stores statewide are providing special hours for high risk population
- Cox Communications is donating \$25,000 to RIDE to assist in the purchasing of technology for K-12 students.
- DOH COVID-19 Call Center transitioning to larger facility with additional phone lines today. Sourcing internal state staff to staff the facility.
- Requested National Guard assist in packaging to send samples to private labs for testing
- Dept. of Education has closed schools for the upcoming week of March 16-20
- Beginning 3/23 through 4/3 schools will be doing distance learning
- All those returning from international travel, regardless of location, ordered to self-quarantine for 14 days upon return.
- All nursing homes currently at level 3, restricting all visitors.
- State focused on distributing available PPE stockpile to hospitals and nursing homes.
- Beginning Tuesday, 3/17/2020, schools will be making available free "grab and go" breakfast and lunch at various schools. Breakfast 0800 – 0930 hrs., Lunch 1100 – 1330 hrs.
- Gatherings are being limited to a maximum of 25 individuals and bars/restaurants have been ordered closed for non-take out/delivery orders.
- Warwick and Providence Place Malls have been ordered to close effective 3.17.2020 until further notice
- State working on feeding plan if needed at later date

- Civil Air Patrol staffed. Air and Ground assets available.
- U.S. Small Business Administration approved application for assistance low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital up to \$2 million to Rhode Island small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).
- DOA Division of Purchases is updating Emergency Master Purchase Agreements
- DMV is continuing to create online reservation system. Cancelling REAL ID Saturday reservations
- CISA has released guidance on essential business and workers, information has been disseminated. Created many questions/concerns for the business community
- RI Governor has reached out to the private sector for additional medical supplies and equipment

Current Priorities:

- Life Safety of all Rhode Island Residents
- PPE Protection for Health Care Workers, and Sanitizing Products for State Workers
- Interagency Coordination of all areas of Government
- Continue to protect the most at risk (nursing homes, hospitals, locations with immunocompromised individuals)
- Continue aggressive containment measures, potential quarantines, social distancing, while maintaining active sampling and testing
- Being able to quarantine quickly
- Future planning for worst-case scenario
- Plan for temporary loss of human capital in all sectors. Plan as if reduced operational capacity will be a temporary norm