

RHODE ISLAND – COVID-19 – Back to Business Orders– Updated 11/30/20

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

<https://governor.ri.gov/newsroom/orders/>

RI DEPT OF HEALTH COVID 19 INFORMATION WEBSITE

<https://covid.ri.gov/>

REOPENING RI PLAN AND STANDARDS

<https://www.reopeningri.com/>

GENERAL TOPIC	SUMMARY	
General	<p>Rhode Island has moved to Phase 3 of its Reopening RI Plan.</p> <p>A series of “Pause” orders were in effect from 11/30/20 to 12/20/20 in an effort to curb a growing number of cases and hospitalizations.</p> <p>A new “Dial up” phase was announced, effective 12/21/20, pursuant to which certain restrictions were eased. See Exec Order 108 and Dial up summary.</p> <p>The Dial Up order is stated to extend to 1/28/21, but may be extended. See Executive Orders and Reopening RI site for updates.</p>	
Stay at Home - Modifications	<p>Prior stay at home order was repealed (Executive Order 20-14).</p> <p>All vulnerable populations are “strongly advised” to stay at home unless they must go to work, travel or medical treatment or obtain necessities. See Exec Order 108</p> <p>A stay at home advisory is in effect from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and from 10:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. Exec Order 108</p>	
Business Restrictions - General	<p>The original stay at home order closed certain entertainment/close contact businesses, and non-critical <u>retail</u> businesses. Businesses gradually reopened in phases through</p>	

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	<p>Phase 3 of the Reopening Plan.</p> <p>Rhode Island's pause orders from 11/30/20 to 12/21/20 limited in-person gatherings, and reduced capacity limits for indoor dining, retail and houses of worship. In-person colleges and universities, bar areas, recreational venues, indoor sports facilities and most offices and organized sports were to close.</p> <p>A new "Dial up" phase is in effect 12/21/20 through 1/28/21 (which may be extended), pursuant to which certain restrictions are eased. The order includes updated provisions relating to gatherings, travel, indoor and outdoor venues of assembly, houses of worship, offices, retail, recreational and entertainment venues, personal service businesses, etc. For details see Exec Order 108 and Dial up summary.</p> <p>For general and sector-specific requirements for businesses, see Reopening RI, Regulations.</p>	
Restaurants/Bars	<p>Under the "Dial up" orders, restaurant capacity limited to 50%, early closing hours, limits on tables. For details see Exec Order 108, Dial up summary, Regulations and sector specific rules in Reopening Plan for guidance. Bars closed.</p>	
Travel	<p>International. Any person coming to Rhode Island from outside the 50 states must immediately self-quarantine for 14 days.</p> <p>Domestic. Any person coming to Rhode Island from another state on a high-risk list, for a non-work-related purpose, must immediately self-quarantine for 14 days. Certain exceptions apply, including for negative tests within 72 hours of arrival.</p> <p>For details see Exec Order 108 and Dial up summary.</p>	
Gatherings	<p>Under the "dial up" order, indoor and outdoor private and public social gatherings are limited to members of the same household. See Exec Order 108</p>	
Face Coverings	<p>Face masks are required to be worn in public or in an establishment, with certain exceptions. See Executive-Order-20-94</p> <p>Also see Regulations for provisions regarding face masks, including requirement for employers to provide to employees,</p>	

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	signage, and requirements for wearing at entrances and exits.	
Elective Procedures	Elective medical procedures and other medical services may resume pursuant to plans submitted by healthcare providers to the Dep't of Health.	
Other	Regulations and/or Reopening Plan include requirements for (a) developing a written plan for the safe operation of the establishment, (b) screening of persons, (c) posters and signs, (d) environmental cleaning and records.	Regulations
DEFINITIONS/APPENDIX		

DISCLAIMER: *This information is provided for convenience only, and should not be relied upon in making decisions for your business. As this is a rapidly changing area, reference should always be made to the official order and related interpretative guidance. If you have specific questions about how any particular jurisdiction's Order affects your business, or other COVID-19 topics, please contact a member of the Holland & Knight's COVID-19 Response Team – State and Local Orders and Regulations.*

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