

# Free Housing for Frontline Workers During COVID-19

Rhode Island is grateful to frontline workers and first responders who are working around the clock to help our communities during the COVID-19 pandemic. Our goal is to ensure you have what you need to take care of yourself and your families, including a safe place to stay, if and when you need it.

In partnership with Rhode Island universities, the State is offering free, temporary housing to ensure you have added peace of mind during this time and safe separation while you provide essential services to Rhode Islanders.

The Rhode Island National Guard and Department of Administration is coordinating this effort directly with local employers. Qualifying workers should contact their employer for more information and to access the State's housing program. Those who prefer a hotel option should visit [www.RIHavens.com](http://www.RIHavens.com) for a list of affordably priced rooms.

Single-bed units with linens are available, occupants should utilize these free units for a minimum of four nights a week. Laundry services are also available for a fee. Occupants should bring their own toiletries, personal items, entertainment, and food. Institutions are continuing to offer dining services for convenience. For a list of local eateries, grocers, and food-assistance programs, visit [www.RIDelivers.com](http://www.RIDelivers.com).

This housing program is not available to people who have tested positive for COVID-19 or have related symptoms. The State is offering separate quarantine and isolation housing to those who are awaiting test results or test positive and need a safe place to stay.

## Who is a frontline worker?

- Medical personnel
- First responders
- Public safety employees
- Congregate care and homecare workers

## What workers qualify for dormitory housing?

- Those at risk of daily COVID-19 exposure due to their job functions, with a vulnerable family member at home
- Those who are part of Rhode Island's medical surge efforts and live more than 50 miles away from their worksite
- Those who prefer to stay outside their own home and cannot afford a discounted hotel room
- Those who do not have COVID-19

## What services are offered?

- Single bed units, shared bathrooms
- Linens (twin XL sheets, blanket, and towels)
- Free off-street parking
- On-site self-service laundry (fee)
- Access to dining services (fee)



For COVID-19 information and the latest guidance, call 401-222-8022 or visit [www.health.ri.gov/covid](http://www.health.ri.gov/covid)