EXECUTIVE ORDER

2020 - 6

May 6, 2020

SUPPLEMENTAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION


COVID-19 continues its impact and spread locally, nationally and internationally. For the protection of the health of the people of the City of Providence and the further prevention of the spread of COVID-19, consistent with the emergency directives of the State of Rhode Island, and pursuant to the authority vested in me by virtue of, inter alia, Title 30, Chapter 15 of the General Laws and Chapter 7 of the City of Providence’s Code of Ordinances, I hereby order and direct the following, commencing May 9, 2020:

1. There shall be no gatherings of more than five (5) persons within the boundaries of the city.

2. There shall be no on-premises food or drink consumption for restaurants, bars, coffee shops, or other food establishments within the boundaries of the city. Establishments with a food license may continue to conduct pick-up, drive-thru, and delivery only.

3. The Providence Place Mall shall remain closed, except that stores which maintain separate entry ways (unique to the individual store) may open to the public consistent with restrictions placed upon non-essential retail stores established by Executive Order of the Governor of Rhode Island.

4. Non-essential retail establishments may open to the public, subject to all restrictions placed upon non-essential retail stores established by Executive Order of the Governor of Rhode Island.

5. Fitness centers and venues of all kinds; including gyms, health clubs, spas, aquatic centers, yoga studios, martial arts studios, massage parlors, etc. shall remain closed.

6. There shall be a mandatory 14 day quarantine for anyone who has traveled between any state other than the State of Rhode Island and Providence in the last 7 days and for anyone who will be traveling between any state other than the state of Rhode Island and Providence through June 5, 2020.
7. All Providence public parks, green spaces, off-road trails, and dog parks, shall be open to local public access, but parking will remain closed. Golf courses may open, subject to submission and approval of a safety plan to the Parks Commissioner and Public Safety Commissioner. All sports fields, courts and playgrounds shall remain closed to public access.

8. Any person who is in a place open to the public, whether indoors or outdoors, shall cover their mouth and nose with a mask or cloth covering unless doing so would damage the person’s health. No person under two years of age or any person whose health would be damaged thereby shall be required to wear a face covering. Face coverings shall also not be required of those who are developmentally unable to comply, including young children who may not be able to effectively wear a mask.

9. Nothing in this Executive Order shall constrain duties and powers of the City, the Mayor, or PEMA authorized by Title 30, Chapter 15 of the General Laws and the City of Providence’s Code of Ordinances §§ 7-1 et seq.

10. This Executive Order shall take effect May 9, 2020, and remain in full force and effect through June 5, 2020, or until a declaration that the need for a state of emergency has abated.

So Ordered:  

[Signature]

Jorge O. Elorza, Mayor