EXECUTIVE ORDER

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June 18, 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 June 19, 2020:

1. There shall be no gatherings of more than fifteen (15) persons within the boundaries of the city.

2. All businesses, essential and nonessential, may open to the public consistent with guidelines issued per Executive Order of the Governor of the State of Rhode Island. Domestic travel restrictions, and quarantine requirements, shall be consistent with those issued per Executive Order of the Governor of the State of Rhode Island.

3. All outdoor athletic fields, courts, and other sports facilities (basketball, tennis, baseball, football, soccer, skate parks, etc.) will be open and available for organized youth and adult sports activities with restrictions and a permit. Activities must be limited to no-contact drills and training exercises. User activities should be consistent with social distancing and current group size guidelines, in accordance with RIDEM Phase II: Youth Sports Guidelines, and as established below:
   - Users should sanitize hands before and after play and not share equipment.
   - Users waiting to utilize a section or area of the field should wait outside the field of play until previous users have vacated to ensure proper social distancing.
• Participants should be separated into groups of no more than 15, including coaches and staff.
• Inter-team games, scrimmages, and tournaments shall not be permitted for any organized sports activities.
• Games are permitted only for no-contact sports where ordinary play allows for social distancing (e.g., tennis and other racquet sports), but inter-team games or tournaments are not allowed.

4. Playgrounds and splash parks will remain closed until further notice.

5. The below guidelines and restrictions are in place for any establishments reopening at this time:

• Outdoor ambient music is allowed by establishments with outdoor dining and seating until 10:00PM during weekdays and 11:00PM weekends.
• Adult entertainment venues can submit looking to utilize their adult entertainment license must submit a no-cost application to the Board of Licenses with their plan to ensure social distancing and avoid close contact starting June 1.
• Establishments who will be opening for indoor dining cannot utilize dance floors for dancing.
• Hookah is not allowed during this time, as per guidance from the Rhode Island Department of Health.
• All guidelines and restrictions outlined by the State of Rhode Island are followed without exception.

6. Roger Williams Park will be open to the public and resume operations and allow for the use of amenities such as swan boats, subject to hygiene and social distancing requirements.

7. Residents are urged to continue wearing masks in all public spaces in addition to limiting gatherings to 15 people or less and to follow social distancing practices provided by the Governor.

8. As of June 22, 2020, city buildings shall be open to the public, in a limited capacity and subject to COVID-19 related restrictions. With the exception of the following facilities that will be open to staff only: Museum of Natural History, The Botanical Center, Roger Williams Park Casino, Roger Williams Park Boat House, BankNewport City Center and Providence Rink, netWORKk Career Center, Recreation Main Office, all Recreation Centers, all Providence Public Schools.

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 June 19, 2020, and remain in full force and effect through July 31, 2020, or until a declaration that the need for a state of emergency has abated.

So Ordered: [Signature]

Jorge O. Elorza, Mayor