



**TOWN OF NARRAGANSETT  
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Dear Fellow Citizens,

On September 7<sup>th</sup> the majority student renters will be moving in and I know many of you are very concerned about the potential impact this may have on community health due to the current pandemic. In an effort to ease your understandable concern I will highlight some of the efforts being made to keep the community and students safe this school year.

An active messaging campaign is in progress by the Narragansett Police Department, the University of Rhode Island and the local property managers to notify the incoming student renters of the Governor's Executive Orders and about local ordinances. The Rhode Island Department of Health has been a partner in this effort to provide quality educational resources for the students. The intent of this campaign is to give the student renters the information they need to keep themselves and the community safe. It is also intended to remind them of the consequences of non-compliance so that they may avoid any negative consequences of the planned enforcement operations that have been put in place.

Additional personnel will be working for enforcement operations that include but are not limited to the following.

- Strict Enforcement of Executive Orders that include civil fines or even criminal sanctions.
- Strict Enforcement of the Town Nuisance Ordinance where there will be mandatory nuisance stickers issued for any congregation above the limit set by the Governor (currently 15 people).
- Strict Enforcement of the Town Manager's Emergency Parking Ban, which establishes all parking restrictions as tow zones carrying a \$75 fine.
- Strict Enforcement of any other violations of state laws and local ordinances.

Many additional efforts are being made by our partners. Examples include but are not limited to the following.

- URI officials will be participating in a ride along initiative hosted by NPD. This includes URI President Dooley and Vice President Collins. They will be escorted to local neighborhoods to interact with the student renters and remind them of URI's code of student conduct, which includes an addendum for COVID 19 policies.
- URI has also created a smart phone app called "Rhody Connect" that educates the students on COVID-19 including the required daily health assessments and health services contact.
- Narragansett 2100 has initiated a URI student advisory council that NPD and URI are participating in. The mission is to work together with constituents to improve quality of life in Narragansett by incorporating URI students into the fabric of life in Narragansett.

- NPD is coordinating with the State Department of Business Regulation to conduct inspections of local bars on the busy student nights for compliance with pertinent Executive Orders.
- NPD is assisting the Rhode Island Department of Health with information on reported gatherings to ensure their contact and tracing efforts are efficient so that any positive COVID cases can be quickly isolated to prevent further community spread.

In closing I would like to remind the public of the dedicated E-mail address that was created to assist you voice your questions and concerns about any activity in town that may affect the COVID-19 public health emergency. Please send your correspondence to [Covid19@narragansetttri.gov](mailto:Covid19@narragansetttri.gov). This E-mail will be monitored during the day by a Command Staff member of the Police Department who will forward your concerns to the appropriate personnel for follow up. For non-emergency matters that require immediate attention please call 401-789-1091. For Emergency situations call 911.

Respectfully,



Sean Corrigan  
Chief of Police