

Phase I event guidelines

As we reopen Rhode Island in a measured and incremental way to prevent a spike in coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) cases, Executive Order 20-32 prohibits all social gatherings of more than five people.ⁱ Those hosting or attending events with five or fewer people should continue to follow all Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and RIDOH recommended COVID-19 prevention and mitigation guidance.

I. Wash your hands often

- [Wash your hands](#) often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, **use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol**. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth** with unwashed hands.

II. Practice social distancing

- **Avoid close contact with people who are sick at all times.**
- **Put distance between yourself and other people outside of your household.**
 - Remember that some people without symptoms may be able to spread virus.
 - Stay at least six feet (two arms' length) away from other people.
 - Keeping distance from others is especially important for [people who are at higher risk of getting very sick](#).

III. Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover

- You could spread COVID-19 to others even if you do not feel sick. If you feel ill, you should immediately leave an event and return home.
- Everyone must wear a [cloth face cover](#) in public places.
- Face coverings are not required for people:
 - Who are younger than two years of age.
 - Whose health would be damaged by wearing a face covering.
 - Who can easily, continuously, and measurably maintain at least six feet of distance from other people.
 - Who are developmentally unable to comply, including young children who may not be able to effectively wear a mask.
- The cloth face cover is meant to protect other people in case you are infected.
- Do NOT use a facemask meant for a healthcare worker.
- Continue to keep about six feet between yourself and others. The cloth face cover is not a substitute for social distancing.

IV. Clean and disinfect

- **Clean AND disinfect [frequently touched surfaces](#)**, including tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, remote controls, elevator buttons, toilets, faucets, and sinks.

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- **If surfaces have visible dirt and grime, clean them first.** Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection. Disinfectants work best when a surface is already clean.
- **Then, use a household disinfectant.** Most common [EPA-registered household disinfectants](#) will work.

¹ Funeral services and calling hours/wakes may have a maximum of 10 people appropriately socially distanced.

