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**COVID-19 Updates**

March 16, 2020 - We are working to keep you informed as news develops around COVID-19. We will bring you local and statewide mandates and regulations in addition to resources. The information below is current as of 3/16/20 at 12pm.

Please see below:

Mayor Paul Coogan will hold a Press Conference at 3:30PM.

No gatherings greater than 25 people.

No K-12 public and private school operations in the Commonwealth (not including residential and day schools for special needs students).

PLEASE NOTE: Fall River Public Schools will make grab and go bags available for breakfast and lunch at Henry Lord, Fonseca, Kuss, and Durfee from 11:30AM to 1PM at the cafeteria entrances. It is available for all Fall River students.

All activities in both Freetown and Fall River Senior Centers and Libraries are cancelled until further notice.

Pre-schools and day-cares not mandated to close, but are strongly urged to use caution and follow other recommendations.

No dining-in at any restaurant or bar. Restaurants are TAKEOUT ONLY.

Grocery stores and pharmacies will remain open.

All assisted-living, nursing, and rest-home facilities ordered to ban visitors. Hospice and end-of-life visits are exempted. All hospitals must screen and limit visitors.

South Coast Health and St. Anne's Hospital have updated their visitation policy to a maximum of one visitor per day, no visitors under the age of 18, no visitor who has had overseas travel over the past 14 days or is experiencing a cough, shortness of breath, fever or other flu-like symptoms will not be allowed.

Pharmacists are granted the ability to produce and distribute hand-sanitizer.

SRTA has installed hand sanitizers and increased daily cleaning at both terminals and added a nightly disinfection spraying process of all customer and employee accessible surfaces.

Dept. of Unemployment waiving all waiting periods to allow expedited claims Dept. of Insurance to mandate insurance coverage for tele-medicine to reduce in-office visits.

The Registry of Motor Vehicles will extend the renewal timeline of certain credentials to limit the need for customers to physically visit an RMV.

All non-essential elective surgeries or procedures must be rescheduled to allow resources are dedicated to COVID-19.

Also, it is critical for us all to practice social distancing, wash our hands and stay home if not feeling well.

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