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Marinas and Boatyards Phase II Guidelines

The RI Department of Environmental Management provides this guidance to marinas, boatyards and yacht clubs to clarify the protocols that must be in place by June 12th in order to allow patrons access to their vessels during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) crisis. (This guidance may be adjusted and updated in the weeks or months to come, as we enter new phases of the reopening plan.) If you have any questions about this guidance, please contact Dean Hoxsie at dean.hoxsie@dem.ri.gov.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- All marinas and boatyards must prepare and implement a [COVID-19 Control Plan](#) in accordance with the RIDOH emergency regulations, which can be found [here](#). The State prepared a [guidance document](#) to assist businesses in meeting the requirements outlined in these RIDOH regulations.
- Marinas and boatyards must comply with RIDOH regulations and active [executive orders](#).
- **Security:** Marinas, boatyards and yacht clubs should remain secure so that admittance can be monitored by owners/operators.
- **Screening:** All employees and patrons should be screened prior to entry to the facility for any symptoms of COVID-19. A screening tool is available, in English and Spanish, to aid with proper screening at <https://health.ri.gov/covid/for/business/>.
- **Physical distancing:** Patrons and staff, whenever possible, should maintain six (6) feet of physical distance between themselves and others who are not part of their household, in accordance with current RIDOH and reopeningri.com guidance.
- **Group Size:** Group size should be limited in accordance with the most current executive orders. Patrons should not congregate on the docks, parking lots, common areas, or near other customer boats on land. Customers should go from vehicle directly to boat and back.
- **Face Covering:** All persons (employees, patrons, or visitors) are required to wear face coverings when in areas where congregating is common in accordance with RIDOH regulations and current executive orders or when unable to easily, continuously, and measurably maintain at least six (6) feet of distance from others. Face coverings are not required in outdoor settings for people who can easily and continuously maintain at least 6 feet of distance from other people. Signs are available at <https://commerceri.com/masks/>
- **Cleaning Procedures:** Public areas including, high-touch points (e.g. rails, restrooms, showers, changing rooms etc.) should be cleaned in accordance with RIDOH regulations and [CDC guidelines](#). Signage must be provided to alert users of last official cleaning and encourage users to clean surfaces before and after use.
- **Hand cleaning:** All persons must have access to soap and water and/or hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol at all times.
- **Food & Beverage Sales:** All food and beverage sales should follow the most recent Executive Orders, regulations, and/or guidance related to restaurants.

- **Retail Sales:** All retail sales should follow the most recent Executive orders, regulations, and/or guidance related to retail stores.
- **Communication:** Signage regarding physical distancing, the use of face coverings, and other COVID-19 guidance should be posted advising [employees](#) and patrons of the same including postings on boat ramps.