RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
235 Promenade Street, Room 425
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

EMERGENCY OPERATION ORDER

No. 20-10

June 26, 2020

Effective date(s): Monday, June 1, 2020 until further notice.

Affected facilities: All state beaches – Replaces Emergency Operation Order No. 20-07

Pursuant to: R.I.G.L. § 42-17.1-2(19) and 250-RICR-100-1, Section 1.22

The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management ("RIDEM") finds that the ongoing global COVID-19 pandemic poses an imminent peril to the public health, safety, and welfare which justifies the limited access to state beach parking lots to the public until further notice. The list of state beaches and conditions related to the status of the state beaches are set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Given the serious nature of COVID-19, and the imminent peril posed by this pandemic, RIDEM advises that should individuals choose to visit a state beach, they should abide by current executive orders and not congregate in groups larger than allowed by current executive orders, and should adhere to all social/physical distancing rules to prevent the spread of COVID-19. RIDEM and state and local law enforcement will be patrolling state beaches and dispersing groups of people found to be congregating in violation of the executive orders at the state beaches. RIDEM continues to monitor the situation and will issue additional orders as necessary.

This order shall be enforceable under the provisions of 250 RICR-100-1, Section 1.37. In accordance with this section, any person found to have violated this order may be subject to a fine not to exceed $100.00 for each violation, enforceable in the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal.

Notice of this Emergency Operation Order shall be posted and available for review on the RIDEM website www.ridem.ri.gov.

By Order of the Director:

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Date: June 26, 2020

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Exhibit A

State Beaches Limited Access

The following state beaches are open for limited access and recreation, subject to compliance with all Executive Orders and guidance regarding social/physical distancing, group size, face coverings and COVID-19 precautions. Limited access may include, but is not limited to, limited hours of operation, reduced parking and capacity, unavailability of public restrooms, limited portable toilets, and no lifeguards.

- Charlestown Breachway State Beach, Charlestown
- East Matunuck State Beach, South Kingstown
- Ninigret Conservation Area (East Beach), Charlestown
- Misquamicut State Beach, Westerly
- Salty Brine State Beach, Narragansett
- Scarborough State Beach-North, Narragansett
- Scarborough State Beach--South , Narragansett
- Roger W. Wheeler State Beach, Narragansett