



**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

**ELIZABETH M. TANNER, ESQ.  
IN HER CAPACITY AS CHAIR OF THE  
RHODE ISLAND COVID-19 ENFORCEMENT  
TASK FORCE**

**IN THE MATTER OF:  
Crown Fried Chicken  
Violations of Executive Orders and  
RI Department of Health Regulations**

**NOTICE OF VIOLATION AND COMPLIANCE ORDER**

Now comes the Chair (the “Chair”) of the Rhode Island COVID-19 Enforcement Task Force (“Task Force”) and pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 23-1-20, Executive Order 20-32, Executive Order 20-40, Executive Order, 20-50, and Rhode Island Department of Health (“RIDOH”) regulation 216-RICR-50-15-7 (the “Safe Regulations”), determines there are reasonable grounds that Crown Fried Chicken (“Respondent”) is in violation of Executive Order and or the Safe Regulations, and provides notice thereof.

**REASONABLE GROUNDS FOR DETERMINATION OF VIOLATION**

- I. Respondent is a dining establishment located at 912 Broad Street in Providence.
- II. Respondent is a covered entity as defined in the Safe Regulations. As such, the Respondent is required to comply with applicable Executive Orders and the Safe Regulation.
- III. On or about July 8, 2020, Task Force inspectors conducted a Healthy Environment inspection of the Respondent. Inspectors performed a checklist inspection based on the Safe Regulations and

determined that Respondent was substantially not in compliance with applicable Executive Orders and/or the Safe Regulations. In response, inspectors educated the Respondent and advised the Respondent that the inspectors would be returning to conduct a follow up inspection of Respondent.

- IV. On or about July 16, 2020, Task Force inspectors met with Amini Kud (“Owner”) and conducted a reinspection of the Respondent. Inspectors performed a checklist inspection of eleven items based on the Safe Regulations. Inspectors determined that Respondent scored a 5 out of 11 and was not in compliance with applicable Executive Orders and/or the Safe Regulations
- V. Despite attempts to educate the Respondent and assist to attain compliance, Respondent remains substantially out of compliance with applicable Executive Orders and the Safe Regulations.
- VI. Therefore, as a result of the Respondent’s continued failure to comply with applicable Executive Orders and the Safe Regulations, and in the absence of any other information to rebut the allegations above, RIDOH has drawn the conclusion that the above allegations are true, and the Respondent is not in compliance with applicable Executive Orders and/or the Safe Regulations.

#### **ALLEGED VIOLATIONS**

The following alleged violations stem from the July 16, 2020 reinspection.

- I. Respondent is in violation of Section 7.4.1(A)(3) of the Safe Regulations, which requires all individuals in public or in an establishment to wear a cloth face covering unless physical distancing can be maintained easily and continuously, or an exemption exists. Inspectors observed that two employees were present, and neither was wearing a face mask. None claimed to be exempt from the requirement, nor were social distancing measures being adhered to.
- II. Respondent is in violation of 216-RICR-50-15-7.4.1(A)(1) of the Safe Regulations, which requires each covered entity to develop and maintain a written plan for the safe operation of the

establishment. Upon request, Owner did not present a control plan because no plan had been created.

- III. Respondent is in violation of 216-RICR-50-15-7.4.1(A)(6) & (7) of the Safe Regulations, which requires each covered entity to ensure the performance of environmental cleaning of their establishments once per day and to maintain records documenting such environmental cleaning. Upon observation of the inspector, no daily cleaning had been taking place. Also, upon request, no cleaning logs were presented.
- IV. Respondent is in violation of 216-RICR-50-15-7.4.1(A)(6) of the Safe Regulations, which requires each covered entity to clean commonly touched surfaces, such as shared workstations, elevator buttons, door handles and railings in accordance with CDC guidance for specific industries. Upon observation of the inspector, no cleaning of high touch surfaces had been taking place.
- V. Respondent is in violation of 216-RICR-50-15-7.4.1(A)(5) of the Safe Regulations, which requires all covered entities to ensure that their establishments have their restrooms open, and that they have running water and are stocked with hand soap. If access to restrooms or running water is limited, the establishment shall ensure ready access to hand sanitizer at all times. Upon observation, the Respondent did not have its restrooms open and did not have ready access to hand sanitizer available.
- VI. Respondent is in violation of 216-RICR-50-15-7.3(A) of the Safe Regulations, which requires all individuals in public or in an establishment to maintain social distancing at all times, to the extent feasible. Inspectors observed that a large party entered the establishment without maintaining appropriate social distancing. Also, at least one patron leaned over the counter and was in close proximity to the employee. Thus, the inspector observed that social distancing measures were not properly in place.

## ORDER

It is hereby ORDERED, that on or before the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day from service of this Notice of Violation and Compliance Order, Respondent shall remedy the above cited violations and come into full compliance with applicable Executive Orders and Regulations, by fulfilling the conditions as set forth below:

- I. Respondent shall require all employees in its establishment to wear cloth face coverings unless social distancing or an exemption applies.
- II. Respondent shall develop and maintain a written plan for the safe operation of the establishment.
- III. Respondent shall ensure the performance of environmental cleaning of its establishment once per day and maintain records documenting such environmental cleaning.
- IV. Respondent shall clean all high touch surfaces in accordance with CDC guidelines, in accordance with its specific industry.
- V. Respondent shall ensure that its establishment has its restroom open, and that they have running water and are stocked with hand soap. If access to restrooms or running water is limited, the establishment shall ensure ready access to hand sanitizer at all times.
- VI. Respondent shall ensure that social distancing is maintained at all times, to the extent feasible, and that appropriate social distancing measures are in place.

**Failure to comply with this ORDER may result in the imposition of civil fines, the issuance of an immediate compliance order, and/or any other action authorized by regulation, the Act, or other applicable law.**

**SIGNATURE APPEARS ON NEXT PAGE**

Entered this 20th day of July, 2020.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Elizabeth M. Tanner", enclosed within a thin rectangular border.

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TEN DAYS AFTER THIS NOTICE**