



**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:  
Monimen, Inc.  
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 Monimen, Inc., (“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 check cashing establishment located at 778 Cranston 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 May 22, 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 6, 2020, Task Force inspectors 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 4 out of 11 and was not in compliance with applicable Executive Orders and/or the Safe Regulations. In response, inspectors again educated the Respondent and advised the Respondent that the inspectors would be returning in approximately one week to conduct a follow up inspection of Respondent.
- V. On or about July 15, 2020, Task Force inspectors conducted another reinspection of the Respondent. Inspectors again conducted a checklist inspection of eleven items based on the Safe Regulations. Inspectors determined that the Respondent scored a 4 out of 11 and was still not in compliance with applicable Executive Orders and/or the Safe Regulations.
- VI. Despite numerous attempts to educate the Respondent and assist to attain compliance, Respondent remains substantially out of compliance with applicable Executive Orders and the Safe Regulations.
- VII. 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 15, 2020 reinspection.

- I. Respondent is in violation of 216-RICR-50-15-7.4.1(A)(1)(f) of the Safe Regulations, which requires the designation of a point of contact who is familiar with the Safe Regulations and will

work with the Department on testing, contact tracing, case investigation, isolation and quarantine follow up. Although Owner Rebecca Franco was identified as the Point of Contact, and attempts were unsuccessfully made to reach her, it is clear that by the Respondent's continued failure to attain compliance, despite educational assistance, Respondent does not have a Point of Contact who meets the requirements of the Safe Regulations.

- 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, Respondent's employee could not locate a written plan and stated that no plan exists.
- 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. Respondent's employee stated that there has not been any cleaning done in weeks.
- 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. Respondent's employee stated that there has been no cleaning done in weeks.
- V. Respondent is in violation of 216-RICR-50-15-7.4.1(A)(2) of the Safe Regulations, which requires each covered entity to implement and ensure compliance with screening of all individuals entering its establishment(s) at any time for any reason. Upon observation, the inspector observed one opportunity for the Respondent to conduct screening, however, the Respondent did not conduct screening activities. Additionally, there are no self-screening posters located at or near the entrance.

- VI. Respondent is in violation of 216-RICR-50-15-7.4.1(A)(4) of the Safe Regulations, which requires each covered entity to ensure the placement of posters or signs at entry to its establishments educating any individual at the establishment concerning entry screening, required social distancing, use of cloth face coverings, and other subjects as provided in guidance issued by the Department. Inspectors observed that required posters were absent from the entry to the establishment and concluded, therefore, that the Respondent failed to ensure the placement of required posters.
- VII. 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.

#### **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 designate a point of contact who will work with the Department on testing, contact tracing, case investigation, isolation and quarantine follow up.
- 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 implement and ensure compliance with screening of all individuals entering its establishment(s) at any time for any reason.
- VI. Respondent shall ensure the placement of posters or signs at entry to its establishment educating any individual at the establishment concerning entry screening, required social distancing, use of cloth face coverings, and other subjects as provided in guidance issued by RIDOH.
- VII. 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.

**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.**

Entered this 20th day of July, 2020.



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**A WRITTEN REQUEST FOR A HEARING MAY BE FILED IN WRITING WITHIN  
TEN DAYS AFTER THIS NOTICE**