



**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
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**GUIDANCE FOR LANDSCAPERS AND  
ANYONE WORKING UNDER THE DIRECTION OF A LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT**

Governor Gina M. Raimondo's Executive Order 20-14 prohibited all gatherings of more than 5 people and Executive Order 20-24 requires that all employees of any businesses that are still in operation shall wear cloth face coverings unless an employee can easily, continuously, and measurably maintain at least six (6) feet of distance from other employees for the duration of his or her work or unless doing so would compromise the employee's health.

Therefore, per Governor Raimondo's Executive Order 20-24, beginning on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, **all employees are required to wear cloth face coverings:**

- Cloth face coverings are not a replacement for required social distancing protocols.
- Businesses must ensure that all employees have a cloth face covering. Businesses must, at their expense, provide their employees with:
  - A cloth face covering that covers the nose and mouth, or
  - The materials to create a face covering
- For information on purchasing or creating face masks, see
  - [www.commerceri.com/masks](http://www.commerceri.com/masks)
  - [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html)
  - [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html)
- Employees may, if they choose, fashion their own cloth face covering, wear a surgical grade mask, or other more protective face covering if they are already in possession of such.
- If the employer is required to provide its employees with more protective face covering equipment due to the nature of the work involved, employees will continue wearing the more protective face covering.
- Face coverings are not required when workers can maintain at least a 6-foot distance between themselves and other workers, or whose own health or safety would be compromised by wearing said coverings.
- Workers who are traveling to and from a job site are required to wear a face covering while in any vehicle unless traveling alone.
- The requirement to wear a face covering may be exempted in certain circumstances when doing so would negatively impact the safety of the worker or lead to an increased risk of harm to the worker or others. Examples include, but are not limited to:
  - Working from ladders or at height,
  - When other respiratory protection is required,
  - When utilizing power tools, saws, and the like, and
  - When operating heavy machinery and the mask impairs vision or communication.

If you have any questions, please feel free to submit your questions online to the Department of Business Regulation using the web form available at [www.dbr.ri.gov/critical](http://www.dbr.ri.gov/critical) or by calling the Department at 401-889-5550.