

Rhode Island COVID-19 Wellness Housing Frequently Asked Questions

I. Overview of the Site

This is a voluntary facility providing housing accommodations for households who would like to quarantine away from a household member(s) who has tested positive for COVID-19. The primary role of this facility is to provide safe quarantine housing and stop the spread of COVID-19 in Rhode Island.

II. What is quarantine? How long will I stay in quarantine?

Quarantine is for people who are not sick but have been exposed to COVID-19. Quarantine separates and restricts the movement of people who were exposed to sick people to see if they become sick. Anyone who lives with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 is defined as a close contact and must quarantine.

Rhode Island COVID-19 Wellness Housing is for close contacts who are unable to stay separate from the person they live with who has COVID-19 in order to avoid ongoing exposure. Quarantined people should stay in their hotel room, avoid contact with others they do not live with, and only leave their room for essential services.

Close contacts of someone with COVID-19 must quarantine for 10 days from their last known exposure.

- Guests may shorten their quarantine period to seven days if they receive a negative COVID-19 result from a test taken at least five days after they were last exposed, **and their COVID-19 positive household member has completed their 10-day isolation.**

RIDOH recommends that all close contacts of people who test positive for COVID-19 get tested on their fifth day of quarantine or later.

Guests may leave the hotel site for work if they are defined as a critical infrastructure worker and staffing needs require that they work, with consultation from the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH). Examples of workforce defined as critical infrastructure include:

- Public safety
- Public health
- Healthcare
- Direct social services care
- Election officials

III. Where is the site located?

The site is located at the Hampton Inn Pawtucket. It is located right off Interstate-95 at 2 George St. Pawtucket, RI 02860.

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IV. What amenities are provided?

All rooms are equipped with a mini refrigerator and microwave. A daily food stipend will be provided for guests to order food. Coin operated laundry is also available at the site.

V. Is there Wi-Fi available?

High speed Wi-Fi is provided free of charge. The Wi-Fi can support up to several devices per room.

VI. Can I bring my pets with me?

The site does not allow pets.

VII. How many rooms will my household be given?

This is dependent on household/family size and makeup. Generally, there will be three family members assigned to a room.

For more information, call 211 and press option 6 to be connected to the Quarantine and Isolation Center.