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PRESS RELEASE

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The Town Manager, with direction from the Town Council, is taking measures he deems necessary in order to protect public health and safety in response to the pandemic.

On March 9, 2020 the Governor of the State of Rhode Island declared a State of Emergency declaring the outbreak as a Public Health Emergency <http://www.Governor.ri.gov>

On March 16, 2020 the Narragansett Town Council passed an Executive Order Declaring a State of Emergency due to the dangers to health and life posed by COVID-19 activating the Town Emergency Plan. On March 25, 2020, the Town Council passed a superseding Executive Order due to the dangers to health and life posed by COVID-19.

<https://narragansettri.gov/DocumentCenter/View/12938/Narragansett-Executive-Order-20-01---issued-3-16-2020>

The Town has been advised that the use of reusable bags brought into the store by customers may be contaminated with the COVID-19 Virus from outside sources. Definition of Reusable bags; those bags with handles that are specifically designed for multiple reuse and are primarily of cloth or other nonwoven textile or constructed of multiple layers of insulation.

PLEASE stop using REUSABLE BAGS temporarily in all retail businesses in the Town of Narragansett in an effort to avoid the transmission of the COVID-19 virus.