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The Red Sox are taking the field at Fenway Park for opening day; flowers are starting to bloom; and warmer weather is on the horizon. The markers of spring – the season for renewal – have arrived.

This year, though, renewal carries an even greater meaning as more and more Rhode Islanders get vaccinated. Each day, as shots go in arms across the state, we are one day closer to the return of normalcy.

Still, it is imperative that we do not let our guard down. Please continue wearing masks, washing your hands regularly, and maintaining 6 feet of distance from those who do not live in your household. If you celebrate Easter or any other holiday this spring, please adhere to the guidance from the [Rhode Island Department of Health](#). COVID-19 is still a threat, and we must take all precautions to protect ourselves, our families, and our communities.

Spring also marks roughly a year since the start of the pandemic.

This past year, you have tirelessly worked, tackled new responsibilities, and answered the call to assist Rhode Islanders. Since joining the Department of Administration, I have witnessed your unyielding commitment and have been inspired by it.

Work and the pandemic have taken a toll on many of us. If you have not already, please consider discharging accrued leave. At some point, each of us will need an opportunity to rest and recharge.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at jim.thorsen@doa.ri.gov.

Once again, thank you for all you do and enjoy spring.

Sincerely,

James E. Thorsen
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