

# DELAWARE: COVID-19 IMPACT ON STATE'S HOTEL INDUSTRY



## JOBS LOST IN DELAWARE HOTEL INDUSTRY DUE TO CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

- 1,927 direct hotel-related jobs lost
- 6,071 total jobs lost supporting hotel industry

## DELAWARE HOTELIERS SHARING THEIR HARDSHIP

### Bill Silva – Wilmington, DE

*"I have experienced firsthand the growth of our industry and then this week watching hours get cut to team members who proudly serve the first state and all the guests who visit it! On of our hotels lost half a million dollars in a few days from Covid-19 Travel bans and effect."*

### Eric Chapman – Wilmington, DE

*"As a hotelier in Delaware I have experienced firsthand the loss of hard working staff who live from paycheck to paycheck and have no other means of support."*

### Neil Shah – Wilmington, DE

*"We are looking to our lenders for support, and keep our employees working as much as possible. But the reality is that we will need to reduce hours. Even with these moves, we are projecting a loss for this year. We deeply care for our loyal employees and will take a hit to keep them afloat."*

### Juhi Patel – Bear, DE

*"I have experienced firsthand drastic declines in the occupancy and revenues in the hotel have affected my livelihood. My hours could be cut and this is deter mental to my family. The Hospitality industry needs the help of the state to save them. Most hotels employ about 35+ employees and my company operates 5 hotels thus will impact 175 people livelihood."*

### Vimarsh Shah – Newark, DE

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### Chintan Dholakia – Newark, DE

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## HEADLINES ACROSS DELAWARE ON IMPACT TO HOTEL INDUSTRY

**37 news stories in Delaware regarding impact to hotel industry on broadcast, print and online news outlets including:**

### Delaware Business Now – [A Crippling To The Hospitality Industry](#)

*Delaware faces the issue of aiding tens of thousands of people, many living paychecks to paycheck, in an unemployment system that had been used to 4 percent rates. Meanwhile, the unemployment compensation system still comes with numerous restrictions unsuited to emergencies.*

