

KANSAS: COVID-19 IMPACT ON STATE'S HOTEL INDUSTRY



JOBS LOST IN KANSAS HOTEL INDUSTRY DUE TO CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

- 5,880 direct hotel-related jobs lost
- 21,917 total jobs lost supporting hotel industry

KANSAS HOTELIERS SHARING THEIR HARDSHIP

Jig Patel – Olathe, KS

“As a hotelier in Kansas I have experienced firsthand the frequency, and the high number of cancellations that we are currently experiencing at our hotel locations. I am not sure how we are going to sustain our operating costs and labor”

Shital Desai – Pittsburgh, KS

“I have experienced firsthand occupancy and room rate drop. And I only see it getting worse. I have cancellations coming right and left. In the near future I see myself having to layoff employees and also will have paying usual common monthly bills.”

Mike Daood – Wichita, KS

“We are based in Wichita and have hotels throughout the US. Our hotels in King County Washington have been most dramatically impacted, but we have feel historic occupancy declines in almost every one of our 18 hotels including the ones in MA, NY, VA and TX. Financially, this is a tremendous hit that we hope to survive but for today we worry most about our team members. It will be impossible to continue to compensate them at the same level as this scenario plays out and support for them is paramount.”

HEADLINES ACROSS KANSAS ON IMPACT TO HOTEL INDUSTRY

46 news stories in Kansas regarding impact to hotel industry on broadcast, print and online news outlets including:

Wichita Business Journal – [Layoffs Are just Starting, And The Forecasts Are Bleak](#)

As the effects of the coronavirus pandemic hit the job market, the damage looks likely to be much deeper and longer lasting than seemed possible even a week ago.