

RHODE ISLAND: COVID-19 IMPACT ON STATE'S HOTEL INDUSTRY



JOBS LOST IN RHODE ISLAND HOTEL INDUSTRY DUE TO CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

- 2,257 direct hotel-related jobs lost
- 7,978 total jobs lost supporting hotel industry

RHODE ISLAND HOTELIERS SHARING THEIR HARDSHIP

John Bellone – Westerly, RI

“As a hotelier in Rhode Island I have experienced firsthand.....our phones have all but stopped ringing. March and April are important reservation months; to help with start up cash flow, to pay our monthly mortgage and payroll and staff planning for our busier times.”

HEADLINES ACROSS RHODE ISLAND ON IMPACT TO HOTEL INDUSTRY

22 news stories in Rhode Island regarding impact to hotel industry on broadcast, print and online news outlets including:

The Newport Daily News – [Business Fallout: Airlines Lobby For Funds, Domino's Hiring](#)

The hotel industry is being decimated as businesses cease travel and one-time tourists take shelter. Hotels were half emptied out last week, according to the analytics firm STR, with occupancy rates falling 24%. In cities particularly hard hit by the virus, like Seattle and San Francisco, occupancy was below 40%, according to STR.