

Rhode Island Alliance for Business Resilience
COVID-19 Daily Update
May 14, 2020

NOTE: The ESF18 Situation Report is now folded into the COVID-19 Daily Update and sent as a single document. Although not considered public information, the COVID-19 Daily Update is meant for widest possible distribution to your business constituents. If there is sensitive information included, you will be notified as such.

I. Current Situation and Response Operations (as of 5/13/20 at 16:00 hrs)

The below information is derived from the situation report produced daily by the State Emergency Operations Center.

| COVID-19 Testing Results | Current | Previous Day | Delta |
|--------------------------|---------|--------------|--------|
| People Tested Positive | 11,835 | 11,614 | +221 |
| People Tested Negative | 86,087 | 83,625 | +2,462 |
| People Hospitalized | 269 | 277 | -8 |
| People in Intensive Care | 68 | 72 | -4 |
| Fatalities | 462 | 444 | +18 |

- RIEMA is working with the DHS Faith Community Liaison under the Individual Assistance Program
- RIEMA in conjunction with BHDDH (Behavioral Health) is finalizing the Crisis Counseling package to forward to FEMA
- Demobilized RIEMA equipment at RI Hospital (still operational, moved indoors)
- State Staging received 8 shipments and pushed one out to RIDOH Warehouse
- Current Priorities:
 - Focus on getting back to work, while protecting health and safety by enhanced cleaning and employee screenings
 - Reopen non-critical retail while promoting enhanced safety measures
 - Promote continued working from home where applicable and reasonable
 - Continue to promote social distancing and hygiene guidance
 - Monitor Phase I status and prepare RI for Phase II – Navigating Our Way

II. New documents added to the website

www.riabr.org [nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com]

- a. FEMA COVID-19 Briefing Points (05.13.20)
- b. NBEOC Lifeline Snapshot COVID-19 #72 (FINAL 05.13.20 1800)
- c. RI COVID-19 Control Plan: Template
- d. CDC Worker Safety & Support (Weblink)
- e. FDA Best Practices for Re-Opening Retail Food Establishments (Weblink)
- f. FMCSA Extension of Emergency Declaration 2020-002 051320
- g. Commercial Routing Assistance (CRA) Fact Sheet
- h. FEMA Advisory Reconstituting Operations Exercise Starter Kit
- i. FEMA Fact Sheet Reconstituting Operations ESK

- j. FEMA Facilitator Guide Reconstituting Operations ESK
- k. FEMA Sample Slides Reconstituting Operations ESK

III. Additional Updates

This information comes from other State Agencies, as well as other external sources such as the National Business Emergency Operations Center run by FEMA.

- a. Reminder that the RI COVID-19 Control Plan for your business needs to be completed by May 18, 2020. Template on the Alliance website and also on www.reopeningri.com. The plan does not need to be submitted to a state agency for approval but must be retained on the premises of the business and must be made available to the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) in the event of an inspection or outbreak.
- b. FEMA has developed an Exercise Starter Kit with sample documents your organization can use to conduct your own planning workshop to navigate the complexities of returning to full operations during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. The Exercise Starter Kit includes a sample facilitator guide and conduct slides that are designed to be adapted and customized for your own needs. Suggested discussion questions for the workshop build upon reconstitution planning principles and relevant White House guidance for employers included in the Guidelines for Opening Up America Again.
- c. In the State officials COVID-19 call with Business Leaders, Commerce Secretary Pryor & Dr. Nicole Alexander Scott emphasized 1) A new program to provide starter PPE & cleaning supplies to RI small businesses (50 or fewer employees) with distribution coordinated through Chambers of Commerce and Trade Organizations, 2) A program to supply 500 laptops courtesy of Microsoft to businesses of 25 employees or under with a need for technology, particularly for remote operations, 3) The need for each business to complete a COVID-19 Control Plan by May 18 as noted above, and 4) Discussion about identifying a designated responsible individual (DRI) in each company to act as point person to the RI Dept. of Health should an outbreak occur or questions arise as people go back to work. I will coordinate a list on behalf of Alliance companies – details to follow.
- d. Keep checking the ReopeningRI website for guidance updates and continue to stay the course on work from home, social distancing, wearing masks, and all other restrictions designed to protect our safety and safety of our workers & citizens.

IV. Ongoing Reminders

- a. **Masks and Supplies for Small Businesses** - <https://commerceri.com/covid-19-business-resources/>
- b. **OSHA RI Resources** - <https://bit.ly/2VRjwCZ>
- c. **REOPENING RI: CHARTING THE COURSE** - Website <https://www.reopeningri.com/>
- d. **SBA PPP Loans** - The Rhode Island Commerce Corporation is doing its best to match small businesses in Rhode Island that do not have relationships with financial institutions with lenders who will be able to process their PPP applications. If you wish to apply for the PPP program but do not have access to a financial institution -- or if your bank/lender has told you it is unable to assist you. For any questions you may have please contact the Commerce RI by emailing ppp@commerceri.com.

- e. **CDC Interim Guidance for Businesses** - <https://bit.ly/2KswGjv>
- f. **Rhode Island Job Board** - www.SkillsForRI.com
- g. **Face Mask Local Platform** - New local online platform to match buyers and sellers of face masks in Rhode Island <https://masksri.com/>
- h. **Face Mask Tutorial** - A CDC tutorial for do-it-yourself cloth face masks is available at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html> [nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com]. Additional information available here: <https://commerceri.com/masks/> [nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com]
- i. **RIDOH Dashboard** - The Rhode Island Department of Health released a new, highly improved dashboard which tracks COVID-19 testing results, cases, hospitalizations and fatalities. The dashboard is available here <https://ri-department-of-health-covid-19-data-rihealth.hub.arcgis.com> [nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com]/ and can also be accessed from the home page of the Alliance website www.riabr.org [nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com].
- j. **Unemployment Insurance** - Dept of Labor & Training (DLT) unemployment insurance now available for Contact (1099) Workers such as Gig economy workers, contract workers, small business owners, workers for hire, self-employed, or others ineligible for regular unemployment insurance benefits can apply for emergency COVID unemployment insurance with DLT here <https://covidemergencyuibenefits.dlt.ri.gov/> [nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com].
- k. **CVS COVID Testing** - CVS opened a no-cost Coronavirus rapid-test drive through facility at Twin River in Lincoln, RI. Appointments are required but physician referral is not required. Further information is available on the CVS Minute Clinic site at this link: <https://bit.ly/3aPfpMM> [nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com]
- l. **Small Business Assistance** - Commerce hotline: 401-521-HELP

Any questions or comments let me know...Stuart