

OSHA Rhode Island COVID-19 Resources Sheet

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If an employer would like to contact the OSHA Providence Area Office with questions we may be reached at 401-528-4669; e-mail oshaprovidence@dol.gov or by writing to our street address below. Normally we are also available for walk-in questions, but due to the pandemic currently are not accepting unannounced visitors.

Employers may connect with OSHA nationally, by calling our hotline, available 24 hours per day at 1-800-321-6742 (aka, 1-800-321-OSHA) or by submitting a question to [Ask OSHA \[osha.gov\]](https://www.osha.gov/ask-osha).

Attached is one of our COVID-19 publications, *Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19*, which outlines actions most employers should be taking. That publication is also available in Spanish. Below are links to online resources I would suggest be shared with RIABR:

OSHA has a general COVID-19 page which links to many resources, some printed in multiple languages. Major topic headings on this page are:

- News and Updates
- Hazard Recognition
- Standards
- Medical Information
- Control and Prevention
- Background
- Additional Resources

OSHA COVID-19 webpage: <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/> [osha.gov]

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<https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3990.pdf>

The Control and Prevention page has industry specific guidance

documents: <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/controlprevention.html> [osha.gov]

The News and Updates page has several alerts available in both English (click on title) and Spanish (click on the word Spanish.)

- [COVID-19 Guidance for the Construction Workforce \[osha.gov\]](#) ([Spanish \[osha.gov\]](#)). (April 21, 2020).
- [COVID-19 Guidance for the Manufacturing Industry Workforce \[osha.gov\]](#) ([Spanish \[osha.gov\]](#)). (April 16, 2020).
- [COVID-19 Guidance for the Package Delivery Workforce \[osha.gov\]](#) ([Spanish \[osha.gov\]](#)). (April 13, 2020).
- [COVID-19 Guidance for Retail Workers \[osha.gov\]](#) ([Spanish \[osha.gov\]](#)). (April 8, 2020).
- [Prevent Worker Exposure to Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) \[osha.gov\]](#) ([Spanish \[osha.gov\]](#)). (March 2020).

In addition we have published other COVID-19 related items, such as posters and videos which may be useful to an employer.

I would be remiss if I didn't also share with you our **Emergency Preparedness** page:

<https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/emergencypreparedness/index.html#> [osha.gov]

This page began years ago in an effort to bring information about preparedness to the regulated community. It is current and updated periodically; I suspect you will find tools here that you and RI businesses would find very useful.

The group may also be interested in the EPA's COVID-19 page:

<https://www.epa.gov/coronavirus> [epa.gov]

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss COVID-19, or general Emergency Preparedness further.

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