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Dear Partners,

Governor Raimondo and the RI Dept. of Health held a press conference yesterday afternoon with an update on COVID-19. The Governor stated that the primary goal at this time is containment, and the state is putting forth aggressive guidelines for the short term in an effort to contain the spread of this virus.

The guidelines call for Rhode Islanders to not attend or organize events of more than 250 people for the next two weeks. Events are being defined as any occasion with a large number of people in close proximity. This includes events scheduled at the Rhode Island Convention Center and Dunkin' Donuts Center for the next two weeks.

Governor Raimondo said that this is not a recommendation for businesses in general to close at this time. She reiterated that owners and consumers should use good judgment, and follow the CDC's guidelines on cleaning and handwashing.

This is an evolving matter and the PWCVB will continue to communicate with you, our partners, as this unfolds.

We also want to assure you that when the current situation subsides, we will be ramping up our marketing efforts to help our partners that have been affected.

Sincerely,  
Your Partners at the PWCVB