



# Rhode Island Department of Health

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**ABC6**

<https://www.abc6.com/ri-covid-19-update-116-new-cases-922-cases-total/>

**TurnTo10 (NBC)**

<https://turnto10.com/news/local/raimondo-to-give-sunday-afternoon-update-on-rhode-islands-effort-to-combat-covid-19>

**WPRI12 (CBS)**

<https://www.wpri.com/health/coronavirus/ri-covid-19-update-april-5/>

**Governor Gina Raimondo's Facebook Video**

<https://www.facebook.com/223653951015444/videos/154904615816480/>

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## **Governor Provides Update on State's Response to COVID-19 (Sunday):**

Governor Gina M. Raimondo provided an update today on Rhode Island's response to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) crisis.

- Governor Raimondo emphasized to follow the social distancing rules especially in big box retail stores
- Governor Raimondo asked that Rhode Islanders who see individuals or businesses failing to comply report their concerns to the [RI Department of Business Regulations](#).
- 116 new positive cases; total now 922.

## Full version

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### **Governor Provides Update on State's Response to COVID-19**

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#### COVID-19 Data Update

The Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) announced today that Rhode Island has 116 new cases of COVID-19. This brings Rhode Island's count to 922. RIDOH also announced eight additional COVID-19 associated fatalities. These people ranged in age from their 60s to their 90s. Of these eight people, seven were nursing home residents. Rhode Island's number of COVID-19 associated fatalities is now 25. A full data summary for Rhode Island is [posted online](#).

#### Key messages for the public

- Anyone who is sick should stay home and self-isolate (unless going out for testing or healthcare).
- The people who live with that person and who have been in direct close contact with that person should self-quarantine for 14 days. Direct close contact means being within approximately 6 feet of a person for a prolonged period.
- Help is available for people living in quarantine or isolation due to COVID-19. Visit [www.RIDelivers.com](http://www.RIDelivers.com) for connections to groceries, home supplies, restaurants, and mutual aid groups. People can also call 2-1-1.
- Groups of more than five people should not be gathering. Always avoid close personal contact with other people in public.
- Healthcare workers should not be going to work if they are sick (even with mild symptoms).
- People who think they have COVID-19 should call their healthcare provider. Do not go directly to a healthcare facility without first calling a healthcare provider (unless you are experiencing a medical emergency).
- People with general, non-medical questions about COVID-19 can visit [www.health.ri.gov/covid](http://www.health.ri.gov/covid), write to [RIDOH.COVID19Questions@health.ri.gov](mailto:RIDOH.COVID19Questions@health.ri.gov), or call 401-222-8022. This is the COVID-19 Hotline that RIDOH has available to the public.
- Everyone can help stop the spread of viruses in Rhode Island.
  - Get your flu shot, and make sure the people around you do the same.
  - Wash your hands often throughout the day. Use warm water and soap. If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
  - Cough or sneeze into your elbow.
  - Stay home and do not leave your house if you are sick, unless it is for emergency medical care.
  - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs spread this way.

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