



On Wednesday, March 11, 2020, Rhode Governor Gina Raimondo declared a state of emergency in response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). This declaration was intended to amplify Rhode Island's coordinated response across all levels of government.

Newport remains open and welcomes visitors, groups under 250, and business travelers to The Classic Coast. With that said, Discover Newport is closely monitoring the situation as it unfolds, following guidelines set forth by the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) and CDC and we advise you join us in heeding the expert guidance of public health authorities and be prepared to shift as the situation dictates.

For the latest information on the coronavirus, see the **[Rhode Island Dept. of Health preparedness and response guidelines](#)** for event organizers and people going to events, the **[CDC's website](#)** and its helpful **[information for travelers](#)**.