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Construction Industry Professionals,

As you know, the work you do contributes greatly to our state's economic health and its continued growth. Despite the challenges posed by Covid-19, the construction industry continues to operate, and state and local Building Departments continue their permitting and inspection responsibilities to help move your projects forward.

On Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, Governor Raimondo's Executive Order 20-13, prohibited all **gatherings** of more than 5 people and prohibited all non-critical retail businesses from conducting in-person operations. Essentially, this means that not more than 5 people can gather in any public or private space such as: auditoriums, stadiums, arenas, conference rooms, meeting halls, libraries, theaters, places of worship, parades, fairs festivals, parks and beaches. Furthermore, all businesses deemed non-critical retail (see the list here: [https://dbr.ri.gov/documents/DBR\\_Critical\\_retail\\_businesses\\_list\\_032820.pdf](https://dbr.ri.gov/documents/DBR_Critical_retail_businesses_list_032820.pdf)), cannot conduct in-person transactions but can still provide delivery (including curbside) and continue to ship and receive orders that have been purchased online or by phone.

**"Industrial, construction, agricultural/seafood equipment and supply stores, hardware stores, general power equipment" have been deemed critical retail businesses.**

**Likewise, all jobsites where construction professionals can successfully maintain social distancing protocols (6 ft. distance from any other person) can continue to operate.**

It is important that you continue being vigilant with all safety and health guidelines, issued by the R.I. Department of Health and the CDC. These include, but are not limited to, frequent hand washing, wiping down surfaces and tools with disinfectants, wearing protective gloves, etc.

It is imperative that you stay home if you have been exposed to anyone with Covid-19 and/or are experiencing flu-like symptoms and call you healthcare provider.

If your work takes you across state lines, per Executive Order 20-13, you are required to self-quarantine when you are not at work.

For more info & assistance for your business, please visit these useful links:

<https://health.ri.gov/covid/>

<http://www.governor.ri.gov/documents/orders/Executive-Order-20-13.pdf>

<https://dbr.ri.gov/>

<https://commerceri.com/>