

## Restore Greater Newport Initiative

Restore Greater Newport is a task force comprised of leaders from the private and public sectors, dedicated to regaining economic prosperity in our region, working collaboratively to minimize the economic impact of the COVID-19 economic crisis. Founded by the Chamber and Discover Newport, we are working with SENEDIA, RIMTA, Polaris MEP and RIHA to develop a recovery and resiliency strategy for the region to help the broader business community bounce back to become the thriving economy we were pre-pandemic. Visit [restoregreaternewport.com](http://restoregreaternewport.com) to learn more.

## Restore RI Grant Program

The Chamber partnered with the State of RI with the roll out and communications for the Restore RI program from August through December with advertising via print, radio, digital and social, direct guidance, and educational webinars.

## PPE Distribution & Take It Outside

In support of the Take It Outside RI initiative, the Chamber distributed tents, heaters, and reimbursements to businesses throughout the region. The Chamber has distributed PPE supplies to over 3,200 employees in 300 local businesses, in collaboration with the state of RI.

## Virtual Programming

In addition to hosting forums with government officials to discuss the various stages of shut down and reopening plans, we continue to provide professional development and education to the business community. Series include Ask the Expert, HR Roundtables, Financial Fitness and more. Partner organizations include CCRI, CWE, SBA, SBDC, and HSRI for Employers. [newportchamber.com/events](http://newportchamber.com/events)

## We Promote YOU!

Member benefits include full page ads in our monthly Member Exchange, shared posts on social media, radio spots, and more. Throughout the pandemic crisis, we have been proactive in highlighting our local businesses and the innovative ways they have adapted to this new norm. [newportchamber.com/marketing-opportunities](http://newportchamber.com/marketing-opportunities)

## Keeping you informed now – more than ever!

Sharing up to date information that businesses need to know to comply with new regulations and restrictions, as well as funding opportunities to help businesses through these difficult financial times has been our top priority. Our weekly At a Glance email reaches 2,400 recipients. Monthly E-Newsletter: 3,000. Member Exchange: 2,400. Follow us on Social for daily posts!   

## Advocacy

The Chamber continues to advocate for the needs of the business community and has had a seat at the table as part of the Commerce Corporation's Reopening Advisory Committee. We have also consulted on many of the initiatives contemplated at the Commerce Corporation of Rhode Island to help with policy and program implementation for the region's small businesses and assisted in spreading information to municipal and business leaders.

## Technical Assistance

In partnership with the State of RI, the Chamber offers technical assistance to the business community including counseling for grant and loan applications, bookkeeping services, informational webinars and more.

## Shop Greater Newport

The Chamber's newest initiative, focusing on shopping local and small, at the holidays and throughout the year. This website and digital directory are free to join for retail and hospitality businesses throughout the region. [www.shopgretaernewport.com](http://www.shopgretaernewport.com)

## Connect Greater Newport

The regional economic development initiative launched in 2018 by the Chamber to serve the region's business community. CGN's mission is to support the growth of Greater Newport's existing businesses and serve as a resource to attract new companies to the region including the towns of Barrington, Bristol, Jamestown, Little Compton, Middletown, Newport, Portsmouth, Tiverton and Warren.

## Innovation

The International Innovation virtual programming will be launching in 2021. This series will focus on our Sister City relationships around the world and our shared experiences in economic development, specific topics of industry innovation and expertise. The goal: To broaden local business' horizons through international opportunities by creating networks of buyers, agents, suppliers and key government contacts in these areas.