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Rhode Island Medical Society, Physicians Support Gov. Raimondo's Order Asking All Rhode Islanders to Stay Home to Limit Spread of COVID-19

Providence – *The following is a public statement from Rhode Island Medical Society President Dr. Christine Brousseau supporting Governor Gina Raimondo's call for all Rhode Island residents to stay at home in order to limit the spread of COVID-19 virus.*

"As Rhode Island's physician community, on the front lines of caring for those infected by the COVID-19 virus and working to limit the spread of the virus, we strongly urge every Rhode Island resident to take this situation seriously and heed the advice to wash their hands, observe social distancing, and stay home to protect themselves, their families, and their neighbors.

"COVID-19 is both more contagious and more dangerous than the seasonal flu. Cases are rising in Rhode Island and around the country. Medical supplies are scarce. Testing kits are limited. Staying home is something we can all do to help Rhode Island physicians and our health care system cope with this sudden threat.

"We commend the Rhode Island Department of Health, Director Dr. Nicole Alexander-Scott, and Governor Gina Raimondo for exemplary leadership in this time of looming crisis. We thank and salute the doctors, nurses, physician assistants, and scientists who are working on the front lines to keep us all as safe as possible. Their courage, self-sacrifice, professionalism, and superb training protect all of us. We urge all Rhode Islanders to do their part by staying home, staying informed, and cooperating in the community effort to contain and slow the spread of this disease."

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