

Governor's Press Conference for Rhode Island Students

We know that many Rhode Island students have questions about COVID-19 and the state's response. To ensure they get answers, Governor Raimondo will hold a live Q&A session for K-12 students on Thursday, April 2 at 1PM. She will be joined by Department of Health Director Dr. Nicole Alexander-Scott and Education Commissioner Angelica Infante-Green for the program.

Preparation & Question Generation - *Monday, March 30 – Wednesday, April 1*

LEAs

- **By Monday, March 30:** Message the upcoming press conference to teachers and families. Encourage teachers to spend at least one lesson preparing and informing their students about the upcoming press conference

Teachers & Students

- **Monday, March 30 to Wednesday, April 1:** Teachers can lead mini-lessons to provide background information and prepare students for the press conference. Some examples of mini-lessons could include:
 - Background on the Governor and her roles and responsibilities
 - Office of Governor Raimondo's [website](#)
 - Britannica Kids - [Governors](#)
 - Overview of [Governor Powers & Authority](#)
 - [Fast Facts about American Governors](#)
 - Learning about the coronavirus, pandemics and how to help stop the spread of viruses
 - Pre-K-2: [How to Talk your Kids About Coronavirus](#)
 - Pre-K-5: [Virus Information & Prevention](#)
 - 6-12th Grade: [Virus Information & Prevention](#)
 - Discussing the purpose of press conferences
 - Watching one of the daily 1pm press conferences
- **By Wednesday, April 1 at 12:00pm:** Parents and teachers can help student's produce questions to send to the Governor ahead of the press conference. The Governor will answers student questions during the press conference.
 - Students can submit questions via [Google form](#) (teachers or parents can do this on their behalf)
 - Students can call (401) 222-2080 and leave a message stating their name, grade, school, town and then asking their question for the Governor

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LEAs

- Remind and promote the press conference with students, staff and families
- Provide flexibility in distance learning schedules so students and staff can watch the press conference

Teachers & Students

- Teachers can help set expectations for students watching the press conference
- As students watch they can practice active listening skills by taking notes and making a list of follow up questions
- Teachers can lead a follow up lesson to answer any questions the students may have and dive deeper on issues that were brought up during the press conference
- Students can write follow up letters to the Governor in response to the press conference