

Virtual Job Fair Targets Rebuilding Virginia Beach Hospitality Workforce

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One of the city's major economic drivers is facing an unprecedented challenge: more jobs than applicants. With the summer season just weeks away, the Virginia Beach tourism workforce is in crisis.

Three local tourism entities have joined forces to help combat this problem. The Virginia Beach Convention & Visitors Bureau (VBCVB) has partnered with the local hotel and restaurant associations to host a virtual job fair focused exclusively on those vacancies available within the Virginia Beach tourism industry. This online hiring event, which is free for applicants and tourism industry businesses across Virginia Beach, will occur **Thursday, May 6, from 1 – 6 p.m.**

Registration is now open at the following links:

- Applicants: <https://app.brazenconnect.com/a/VBRA/e/Y5Y51>
- Exhibitors/Virginia Beach businesses registration site: <https://www.dineinvb.com/jobs/>

"The CVB sees this opportunity to support our tourism partners as a huge step toward rebuilding the local hospitality industry," said CVB Interim Director Nancy Helman. "We are excited that people are ready to travel, and we want to be prepared to offer every visitor a memorable Virginia Beach experience.

Diana Burke, executive director of the Virginia Beach Hotel Association, and Stacey Shiflet, executive director of the restaurant association, contracted with Brazen, a leader in virtual hiring events and online career fairs. "We successfully recruit for our industry throughout the year," said Shiflet. "Tourism is vital to the local economy and we're eager to help our hotels and restaurants get fully staffed and prepared for summer 2021," added Burke.

For more information about this event, contact Stacey Shiflet at contactvbva@gmail.com or Diana Burke at diana.burke@vbha.net.

About Virginia Beach Convention and Visitors Bureau

Virginia Beach Convention and Visitors Bureau, the official destination marketing organization for the city of Virginia Beach, is a municipal organization whose mission is to promote the coastal city as a year-round destination for domestic and international leisure travel, business travel, conventions, sports and special events. Virginia Beach, one of Virginia's most populous cities, resides where the Chesapeake Bay meets the Atlantic Ocean and is comprised of seven unique districts: Sandbridge, Chesapeake Bay, Town Center, Pungo, Oceanfront, ViBe Creative District and Inland. For all there is to see and do in Virginia Beach, follow Virginia Beach Convention and Visitors Bureau on Facebook and Instagram @VisitVaBeach and on Twitter @VisitVaBch, or go to VisitVirginiaBeach.com.

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