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## How to Promote Your SIGGRAPH Exhibit: Tools and Strategies for Event Marketing and Media Relations

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# Agenda

## Who We Are

Introduction to VPO and Cision PR Newswire

## Pre-show Marketing

Pre-show marketing statistics

## SIGGRAPH Press Room

Introduction to the SIGGRAPH online press room

## Online Press Kit

Online press kit benefits, features, tips & example

## News Release Distribution

News release distribution benefits, features, tips & success story

# Virtual Press Office

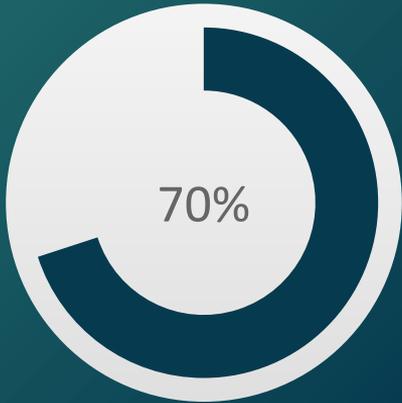
We can help you tell your story



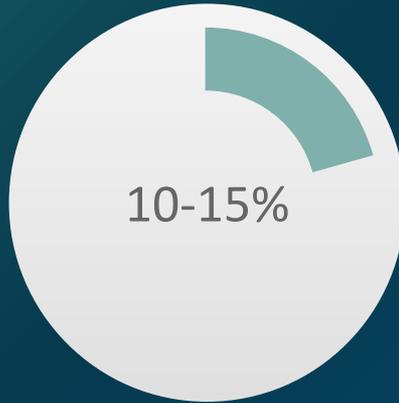
- Established in 1996, VPO invented the online trade show press office as an environmentally-friendly alternative to traditional paper press kits. Today, we are a leader in online press office management and wire distribution solutions.
- Our team is not new to the virtual world. From online-only press rooms to physical, virtual, and hybrid shows, VPO has experience in this event space.
- We've worked with household names across myriad industries like **Philips, Mattel, and Jelly Belly** and have helped hundreds of brands execute their event strategies.

# Pre-Show Marketing

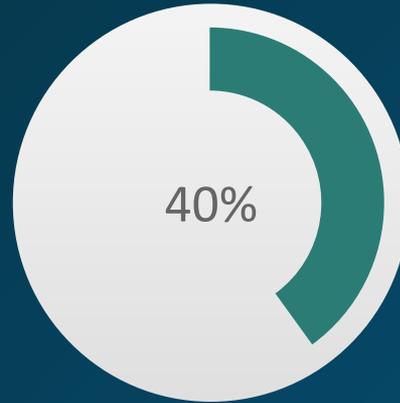
## Statistics



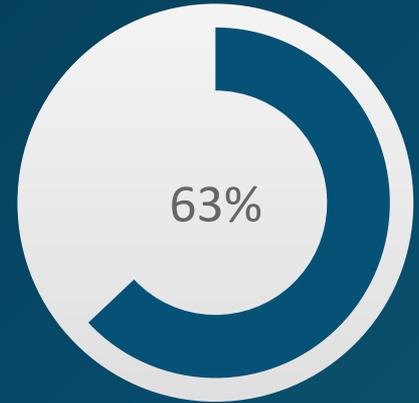
70% of attendees decide which booths to visit before the event.<sup>1</sup>



Only 13% of companies do some type of pre-show marketing.<sup>1</sup>



Just 40% of exhibitors who engage in pre-show marketing track metrics.<sup>2</sup>



63% of exhibitors see the value and importance of pre-show tactics increasing.<sup>2</sup>

Source 1: Trade Show Marketing: What to Do Before the Show by Sarah Leung

Source 2: EXHIBITOR Magazine Pre-show Marketing Survey

# Pre-Show Marketing

## Effective Tools & Methods



### EMAIL

Personal invites, blasts to segmented lists, signature ads.



### SOCIAL MEDIA

LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter – wherever your customers and target audience are.



### EVENT MICROSITES

Dedicated landing pages, online press kits, focused campaign sites with unique URLs.



### BLOGS

Sneak peeks or teasers, thought leadership, speaker profiles, sponsorship missions.



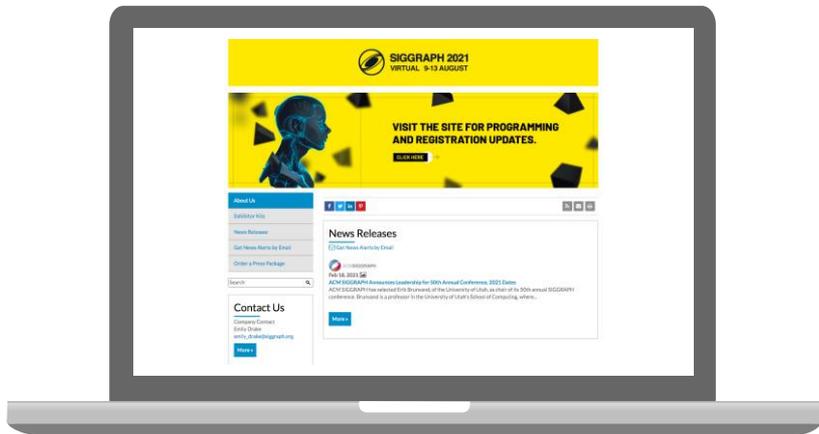
### OTHER CONTENT

Press releases, photos, videos, etc. can be repurposed across owned and paid channels.



# SIGGRAPH Online Press Room

For Media, Attendees, and Industry Professionals



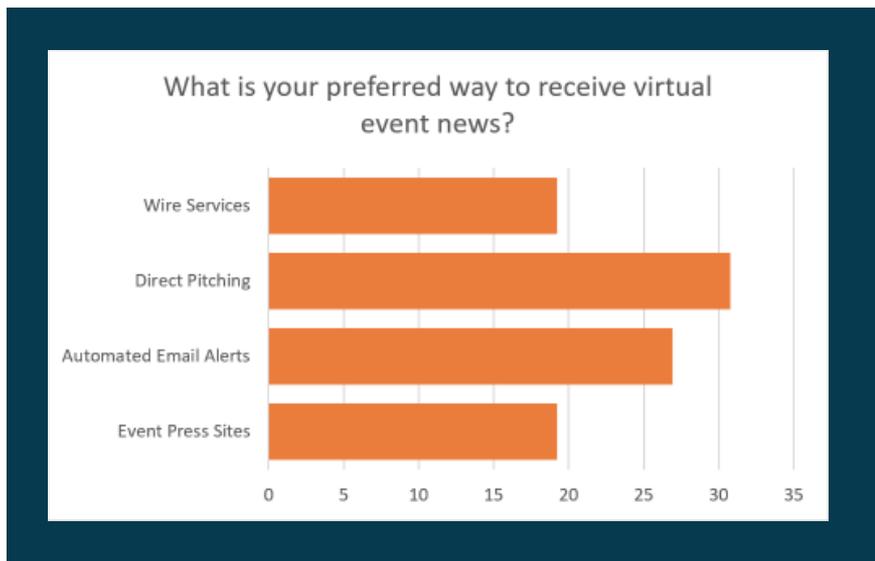
<https://siggraph.vporoom.com/>

To access the press room, you can use the direct URL above, or visit via the SIGGRAPH media page.

-  **Comprehensive**  
Look no further than this centralized resource for the latest breaking news and supplemental assets.
-  **Visible 24/7/365**  
Accessible any time, day or night, from any device, making it easy for journalists, attendees, and industry peers to find information.
-  **SEO**  
The online press room and press kits are search engine optimized, resulting in more audiences finding and engaging with content.
-  **Flexible**  
Able to handle any type of file – from HTML and PDFs to videos and photos – and built to accommodate last-minute changes.

# Journalist Panel – Covering Virtual Events

## Survey Highlights



## What would make your job easier?

- Keep content online longer/indefinitely
- Have information available prior to event
- Make representatives and content easily accessible

"Create event landing pages with news and resources about technology breakthroughs, new products, thought leadership, and contact information for people willing and able to chat more in depth about these topics. Include links to full-text press releases and downloadable image files."

# Online Press Kits

Microsite features that help connect brands and target audiences



## CONTENT HUB

House everything from press releases to high-resolution images and video to case studies or brochures.



## DISTRIBUTION CAPABILITIES

News announcements are delivered via email directly to RSNA attending media and industry professionals.



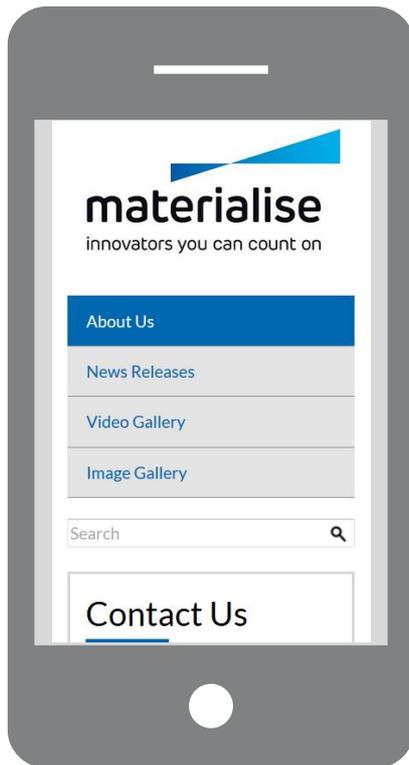
## CONTACT DETAILS

Who is the best contact to connect with at the show? What about after the event for follow-up questions?



## REPORTING METRICS

Learn what content resonated with your audience. See clicks, downloads, and email opens.



## RESPONSIVE DESIGN

Whether on a smartphone, tablet, laptop, PC or other device, enjoy a seamless content experience.



## BRANDED MICROSITE

Customize the landing page with a company logo, description, style guide color, and social media feeds.



## SHAREABLE URL

Include the link in everything from email invites and Tweets to business cards and event collateral.



## PREMIUM ADD-ON OPTIONS

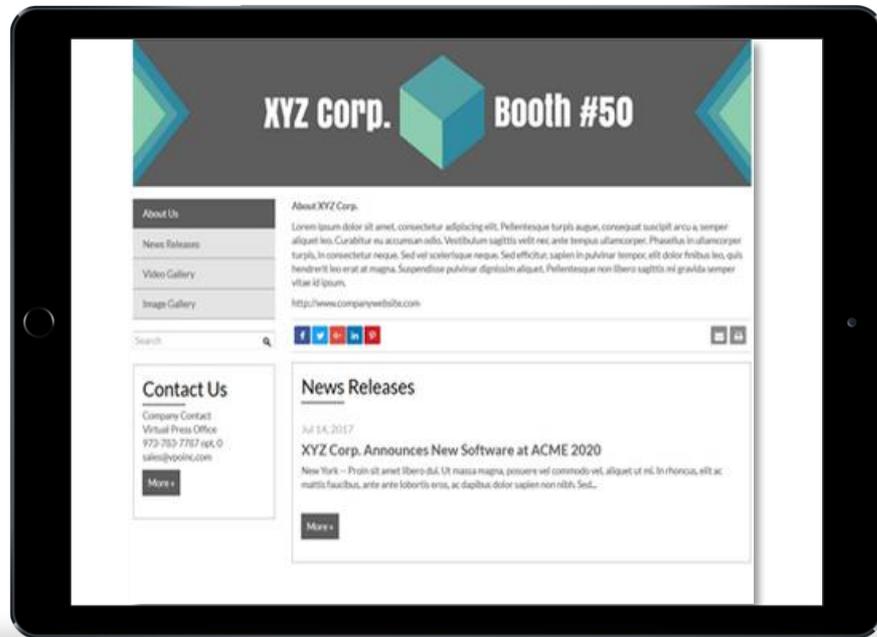
Integrate a lead generation form, incorporate a slideshow feature, or utilize call-to-action buttons.



# Micro Online Press Kit

~~\$425~~ \$200

- Vanity URL (e.g., siggraph.vporoom.com/brand)
- PR contact listing, logo, website, description
- 3 pieces of content
  - releases, photos, spec sheets, brochures, executive bios, etc.
- Email distribution of recent press releases to the registered media list
- Social sharing buttons
- Weekly and monthly reports
- Archiving of press kit for 1 year



# Online Press Kit Tips

From Content to Promotion



## Use Relevant Content

Pare down materials to only the most pertinent for the event and your story.



## Mix & Match Formats

Feature various types of content, from text to multimedia.



## Promote URL

Use a multichannel promotion strategy to drive traffic to the landing page.



## "Show Floor" Tool

Don't forget to use the press kit as a resource during virtual event hours.



## Follow-up Link

Include the press kit URL in your post-show communications and pitches.



## Reporting Data

Take stock of what content performed well to inform next year's strategy.

# Online Press Kit Example

## Best Practices for SIGGRAPH Exhibitors



### Recognizable Branding

Adding a banner with a logo, description, website, and contact information it easy to connect with the company.



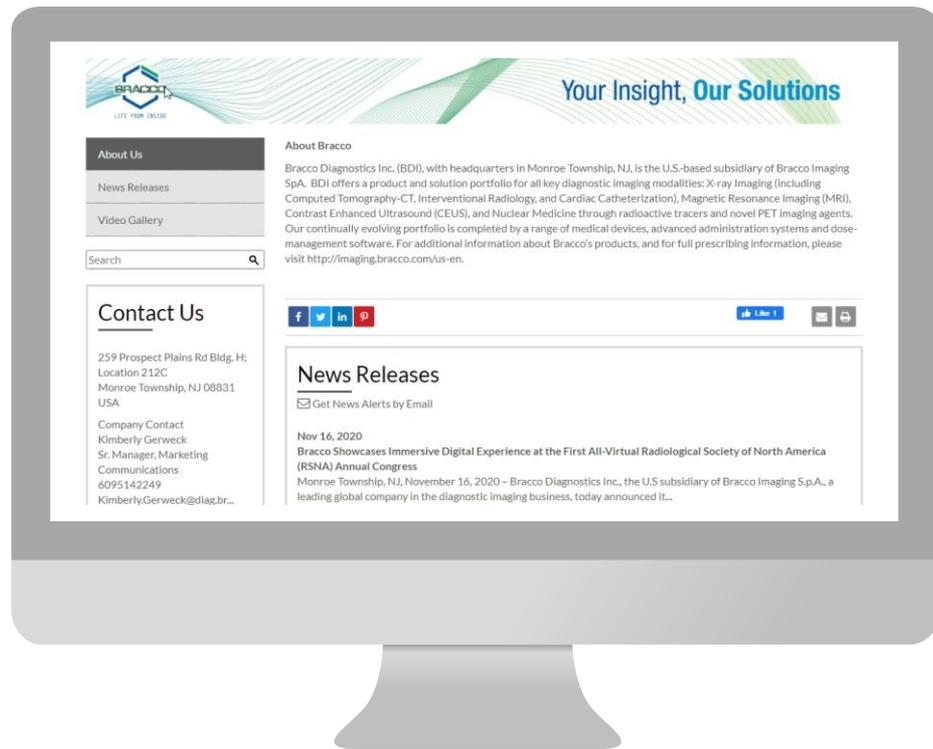
### Powerful Press Releases

With 2 announcements directly tied to the virtual show, this news is poised to make an impact.



### Smart Supplemental Content

Selecting a multimedia element as the final content piece is a good choice, as videos and images make for a more engaging experience and can be used by the media.



An aerial photograph of a city skyline, likely New York City, with a teal color overlay. The image shows a dense cluster of skyscrapers and buildings, with a prominent tall building in the center. The sky is overcast with light clouds. The text is centered within a white rectangular border.

# News Release Distribution

With move to Virtual – Does PR Still Matter?

# Generate Leads and Meetings

In a Virtual Environment, pre-scheduled meetings are key for attendee planning

Pop ups from other exhibitors

Social Media

Door bell

Work emails

Children at home learning virtually



Alongside newsrooms and websites, Cision PR Newswire distributes your content to journalists and influencers at top industry publications.

Journalists create customized profiles and email feeds based on industry to receive news relevant to the topics they cover. Our editorial experts add complimentary coding to your news, including any relevant trade categories at no additional charge, ensuring your content reaches the industry-specific publications and influencers who want it most.

#### PUBLICATIONS INCLUDED:



#### VERTICALS

- Biometrics
- Blockchain
- Broadcast Technology
- Computer Accessories
- Computer Hardware
- Computer Networks
- Computer Software
- Consumer Electronics
- Data Analytics
- Electronic Commerce
- Electronic Components
- Electronic Design Automation
- Financial Technok
- High Tech Securit
- Mobile Devices /
- Nanotechnology
- Semiconductor
- Social Media
- Electronic Car

# Credibility And Trust

Get your news to journalists at major publications

- [2019 Digital Brand: Awareness, Engagement & Action Index](#) (reg. req.) – by [BMV](#) a digital agency in Boston: For B2B companies, earned media and branded content ranked as the most impactful by B2B companies [1]
  - **30%** of B2B respondents stated news coverage as the way “people learn about new products online that they can use for their day jobs.” [1]
- Study published in the [Journal of Promotion Management](#) by [Julie O’Neil](#), a professor in strategic communication: **67%** of the focus group participants and **48%** of the survey panel indicated journalism was *the* most credible source of information.[1]
- [SiriusDecisions 2019 B2B Buying Study](#): Earned content cited as most valuable during education and solution stages, and company-create content only became more relevant during selection phase. [2]

Sources:

[1] <https://www.swordandthescript.com/2019/08/earned-media-behavior-credibility/>

[2] <https://go.forrester.com/blogs/not-the-author-of-your-best-content/>

# Media Interest in Virtual Events is Growing

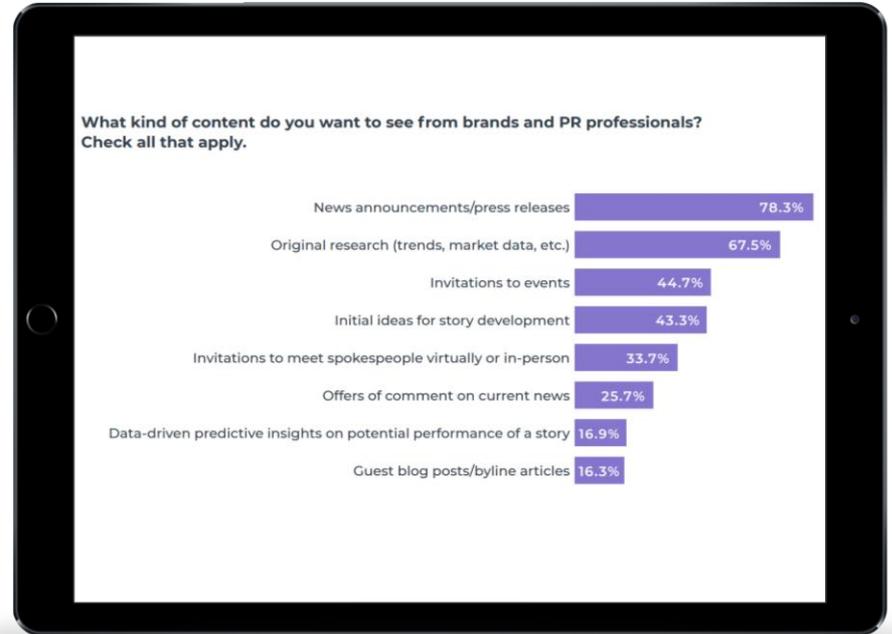


## PRESS RELEASES RATED MOST USEFUL BRAND SOURCE

According to Cision's 2021 State of the Media Report staffing and general access to resources continues to be the biggest challenge for media and influencers. Nearly half responded that they file 7+ stories a week.

Scarce resources mean the media love virtual events since they can spend less time travelling (and less budget) and more time finding content and covering the event.

And for many years in the row, journalists also rated the press release the most useful brand resource. **78% of journalists said press releases and news announcements were one of the kinds of content they wanted to receive from brands and PR pros.**



# Additional News Distribution Benefits

Achieve Your Event Communications Goals



## SEO

Posting of release on prnewswire.com which received 13M+ organic search referred traffic & approx. 1.7M unique monthly visitors from May 2016-May 2017



## SOCIAL MEDIA

Reach thousands of Twitter followers across industry-specific handles including @PRNAlert and @PRNtech.



## MEASUREMENT

Evaluate your results with PR Newswire's Visibility reports that shows performance and audience engagement data.



## COUNSELING

We're here to help! We provide one-on-one counseling to assist you with your content strategy, press release best practices, SEO tips and more!

# News Release Distribution Options

Pair a PR Newswire distribution with a press kit

## US1 National Newline \$795

Includes:

- 600-word release to newspapers, radio, TV and trade magazines in all 50 US states.
- 4,400 + websites and SEO with prn.com
- Distribution to PRNJ
- Visibility Reports

## Top Tech Newline \$595

Includes:

- 600-word release to newspapers, radio, TV and trade magazines in **9 city/states** that are key media hot spots for tech news.
- 4,400 + websites and SEO with prn.com
- Distribution to PRNJ
- Visibility Reports

## Global WebMax \$795

Includes:

- Unlimited-word release to **online only** points in US, Europe, Asia, India & Africa. **English only.**
- 6,200+ websites and SEO with prn.com
- Visibility Reports

## Western Europe \$1500

Includes:

- 500-word release to newspapers radio, TV & trade magazines (*10,000+ media points*) and websites in 16 countries.
- Translation into French, German & Spanish
- Distribution to PRNJ
- Visibility Reports

An aerial photograph of a city skyline, likely New York City, with a teal color overlay. The image shows a dense cluster of skyscrapers and buildings. A white rectangular box is centered over the image, containing the text "What content is 'Wire Worthy?'".

What content is "Wire Worthy?"

# Thought Leadership

## Thought Leadership

Content marketing tactic used to build credibility and to establish oneself as an industry leader.

### Botify's Enterprise SEO Platform Delivers a 584% Return on Investment over Three Years, According to Total Economic Impact™ Study

Study reinforces Botify as an end-to-end SEO management platform with advanced technical capabilities



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NEW YORK, April 23, 2020 /PRNewswire/ -- Botify, the leading [enterprise SEO platform](#), today released the findings of Forrester's Total Economic Impact™ (TEI) of Botify, a commissioned study conducted by Forrester Consulting on behalf of Botify. The study revealed that organizations leveraging Botify's platform and proprietary five-step search methodology achieve a return on investment (ROI) of 584% percent over three years.

### PeopleMetrics' New Study Finds 55% of American Workers Unhappy with Employer Response to COVID-19

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PHILADELPHIA, April 9, 2020 /PRNewswire/ -- PeopleMetrics, a leading provider of experience management software for employees, customers and patients, announced survey results of 1008 full-time employees across the United States on how their employer is handling the COVID-19 pandemic.

highlights include:

**55% of American Workers are Unhappy with Their Employer's Response to COVID-19**

PeopleMetrics



## Blogs

A piece of owned content published on a company's website often used to establish a brand as an industry leader and to connect with your customers.

### 5 Reasons Why You Should Embrace Artificial Intelligence

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REDMOND, Wash, April 7, 2020 /PRNewswire/ -- "The robots are coming!" This is a common refrain we've all heard, and yet we shouldn't fear technology or artificial intelligence (AI). Whether you identify as a tech geek or a tech novice, the fact is that 85% of Americans already use AI. Smart assistants in our homes, song recommendations from music streaming services, and even spam filters on email are all powered by AI.

At its most basic, AI is a powerful automation tool designed to augment what people can do. For us to take advantage of this technology, we should all have a good understanding of its capabilities.

Let's take a look at five practical ways AI can improve people's lives.

- 1. AI can better our health**  
The current COVID-19 pandemic is top of mind for everyone, and health care is an area where AI can make a real impact. Already, AI diagnostics can cheaply diagnose a whole range of illnesses with clinical accuracy. As the sensors in our phones, watches and other devices that we carry and wear become less expensive, more common

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# White Papers

## White Papers

A white paper is a research report or a guide used to educate, persuade, or provide a solution to a problem.

### Certintell, Inc. Publishes White Paper: "Is Telehealth Invaluable? Five Major Benefits for Health Centers"



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DES MOINES, Iowa, March 6, 2020 /PRNewswire/ -- Certintell Telehealth, a company focused on empowering safety-net providers with telehealth solutions, recently published a white paper covering the benefits Community Health Centers receive after implementing telehealth services into their clinic workflows.

As noted in the White Paper, patient dissatisfaction is a growing concern for many health centers and hospitals. Patients are frustrated by the cost of sitting in waiting rooms to receive care that doesn't fit their standards. Both patients and providers are impacted because of this. Often times, patients will even refrain from getting treatment because they don't have a

### Immunity Certificates: If We Must Have Them, We Must Do It Right -- ID2020 Alliance Releases White Paper



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SAN FRANCISCO, April 21, 2020 /PRNewswire/ -- In a white paper, published today by the Harvard University Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, ID2020 urged policymakers, technology providers, and civil society organizations to collaborate to ensure that digital health credentials or "immunity certificates", if implemented, are intentionally designed to protect privacy and civil liberties.



# News Release Tips

## 6 Tips for Trade Show Press Releases



Incorporate the event name into the headline or subhead

Headlines should feature your company name and event name as it enhances the discoverability of your content.



Feature a clear call to action

Have a clear direction for what you want the readers to do next.

GA link builder: <https://ga-dev-tools.appspot.com/campaign-url-builder/>



Utilize multimedia elements

Visual assets increase views and engagement of potential customers and the media.



Use natural language and disruptive formatting

Natural language and skimmable content helps win points with readers and search engines.



Don't forget about the ebooth link!

Make sure interested readers know where to find you at the virtual event!



Take advantage of social media

Promote your announcement on social channels and include the official SIGGRAPH hash tag **#SIGGRAPH2021**

# News Release Timing

## Going Against the Flow: The Best Time to Send Your Trade Show Press Release

### START WITH GOALS



Determining the main goal you want your release to accomplish will help determine when to send it.  
Driving event traffic = 1-2 weeks out

### OTHER BIG ANNOUNCEMENTS



If a larger company is making an anticipated announcement – avoid sending your news in the hours leading up to and after it.

### SEND MORE THAN 1 RELEASE



Sending more than one news release can help keep your company top of mind and create excitement to visit your booth at the show.

### DAY OF THE WEEK



A high volume of news is sent 8 am ET Monday-Thursday with a spike on Tuesdays. Avoid the highest volume times to stand out.

# Example of a successful press release

## Volpara Solutions Showcases End-to-End Cancer Screening Workflow at RSNA

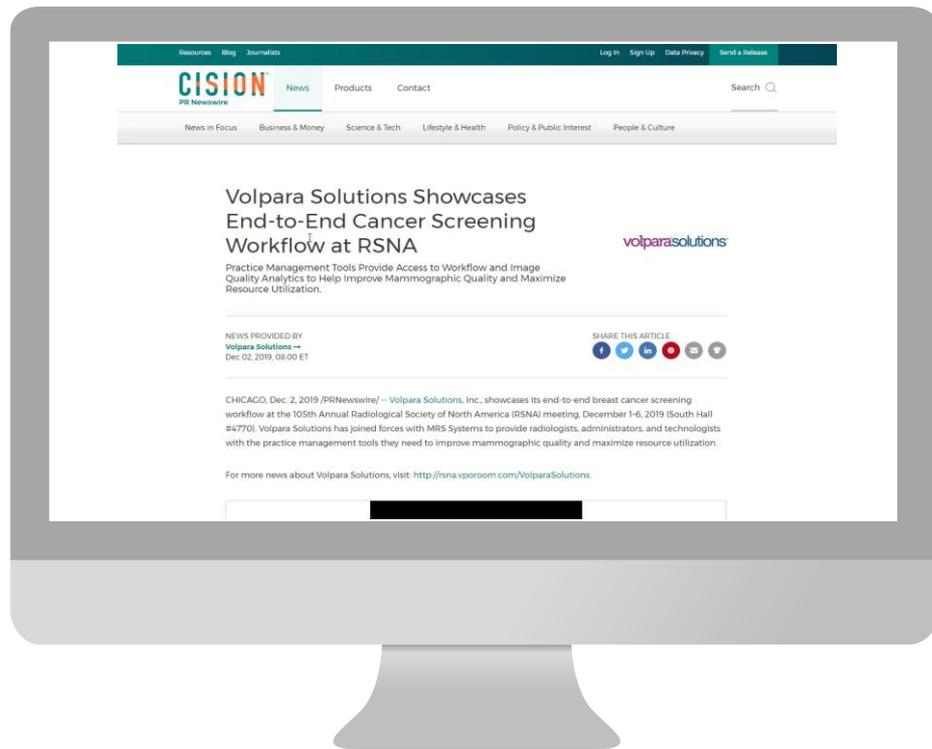
- Company name and Event name in headline**

By putting RSNA in the headline this release comes up on searches that pair RSNA with the company name or key words like Cancer Screening. Booth # included in 1<sup>st</sup> graph.
- Press Kit**

RSNA press kit link included in second graph to direct readers to more news releases and content.
- Multimedia assets (photos)**

Including images with the release increases engagement and breaks up text.
- Quote**

Including a quote or quotes in your release increase chance for media pick up since it does some heavy lifting for journalists. They have the option to take a quote directly from the release for their article (which is done fairly often).



# Measuring success

How do we know this release was successful?

## PR Newswire Visibility Reports

PR Newswire provides a Visibility Report for every US release, and most international distributions, at no extra cost. Visibility Reports provide a high-level view of how your release performed online and with the media and show how users engaged with your release on prnewswire.com. PR Newswire also provides industry benchmarks to show how your release compared to similar releases in your industry.



### 1,100 Public Views

Number of views received on prnewswire.com and PR Newswire's syndicated network.



### 101 Media Views

Journalists discovering and clicking on the news on PRNJ.



### Organization Views

Yale University and Adventist Health



### 97 Engagements

94 click throughs | 1 share | 2 image downloads



# Resources

- ❖ [SIGGRAPH Online Press Office](#)
- ❖ [BLOG: 6 Tips for Trade Show Press Releases](#)
- ❖ [BLOG: Going Against the Flow: The Best Time to Send Your Trade Show Press Release](#)
- ❖ [BLOG: How to Tell Your Trade Show Story with a Page-Turning Press Kit](#)
- ❖ [BLOG: 10 Critical Ingredients for the Perfect Online Press Kit](#)
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