

ESSENTIAL VS. NONESSENTIAL

The order allows for people to leave their residence to provide or receive essential services, engage in essential activities, and work for essential businesses and governmental services. Essential services and activities fall into these categories:

Essential Activities

- Activities or tasks essential to the health and safety of a person and/or household, including pets, or to care for a family member or pet in another household.
- Obtaining or delivering services or supplies that are necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation and operation of residences, like getting food, consumer products, etc.
- Engaging in outdoor activities, in compliance with social distancing requirements.

Healthcare Operations

- Working for or obtaining services at a healthcare operation, including hospitals, clinics, dentists, pharmacies, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, other healthcare facilities, healthcare suppliers, home healthcare services providers, mental health providers, or any related and/or ancillary healthcare services.
- Veterinary care is included.
- Not included is fitness and exercise gyms.

Essential Infrastructure

- Providing any services or work necessary to the construction, operation and maintenance of essential infrastructure.
- Included is public works construction, construction of housing, airport operations, water, sewer, gas, electrical, oil refining, roads and highways, public transportation, solid waste collection and removal, internet, and telecommunications systems (including the provision of essential global, national, and local infrastructure for computing services, business infrastructure, communications, and web-based services), provided that they carry out those services or that work is in compliance with social distancing.

Essential Government Functions

- Performing or accessing essential government services, including first responders, emergency management personnel, emergency dispatchers, court personnel, law enforcement personnel, and other services as determined essential by the government entity performing those functions.

Essential Businesses

- Working for an essential business (which includes for-profit, not-for-profit, and educational entities, and businesses providing food, shelter and social services for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals).
- Blood donation and related activities.
- Grocery stores, certified farmers' markets, produce stands, food banks, convenience stores.
- Any form of agricultural production and processing, including the cultivation of products for personal consumption or use through farming, ranching, livestock, and fishing, as well as business activities that support production/processing by providing agricultural supplies, including but not limited to, transportation, manufacturing, chemicals, equipment, and services such as cooling, storing, packaging, and distribution of products for wholesale or retail sale.
- Newspapers, television, radio, and other media services.
- Gas stations and auto-supply, auto-repair, and related facilities; laundry services.
- Banks and related financial institutions; post office boxes and mailing/shipping services.
- Hardware store and services related to plumbing, electrical, extermination and those maintaining the safety, sanitation and essential operations of residences or other essential services and activities listed in the order.
- Restaurants and other facilities that prepare and serve food, but only for delivery or carry out.
- Schools and other entities that typically provide free food services may continue to do so on the condition that the food is provided on a pick-up and take-away basis only. Schools and other entities that provide food services under this exemption shall not permit the food to be eaten at the site where it is provided, or at any other gathering site.
- Educational institutions—including public and private K-12 schools, colleges, and universities—for purposes of facilitating distance learning or performing essential functions, provided that social distancing is maintained to the greatest extent possible.
- Businesses that supply products for work from home, ship or deliver groceries, food, goods or services directly to residents, or that supply other essential businesses.
- Home-based care and residential facilities for seniors, adults or children.
- Airlines, taxi and other private transportation providers.
- Professional services, such as legal or accounting services.
- Childcare facilities providing services that enable employees exempted in this Order to work in Essential Activities, Essential Governmental Functions, Essential Businesses, or Minimum Basic Operations as permitted. To the extent possible, childcare facilities must operate under the following mandatory conditions:
 - Childcare must be carried out in stable groups of 12 or fewer ("stable" means that the same children are in the same group each day); children shall not change from one group to another; if more than one group of children is cared for at one facility, each group shall be in a separate room. Groups shall not mix with each other; childcare providers shall remain solely with one group of children.

Minimum Basic Operations

Businesses not designated “essential” may maintain Minimum Basic Operations, as follows:

- While practicing social distancing, carrying out such operations that maintain a business’ inventory, security, payroll and employee benefits, or for related functions and minimum necessary activities to facilitate employees being able to continue to work remotely.

Essential Travel

- While practicing social distancing, any travel related to the provision of or access to Essential Activities, Essential Governmental Functions, Essential Businesses, or Minimum Basic Operations; travel to care for elderly, minors, dependents, persons with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons; travel to or from educational institutions; travel to return to a residence; and travel required by law enforcement or court order.

| Examples of Essential | |
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| Any Healthcare Operation | Mailing and Shipping Services |
| Blood Donation | Banks |
| Grocery Stores, Farmers Markets, Food Banks, and Businesses that Ship or Deliver Groceries | Professional Services, Such as Legal or Accounting, Only When Necessary to Comply with Legally Mandated Activities |
| Agricultural Production and Processing | Laundry Service Providers |
| Businesses that Provide Food, Shelter and Services to Economically Disadvantaged Individuals | Educational Institutions, for Purposes of Facilitating Distance Learning or where Social Distancing Standards are Maintained |
| Services Necessary to Maintaining the Safety, Sanitation and Operation of Residences | Businesses that Supply Products for People to Work from Home |
| Gas Stations and Auto-Repair Facilities | Hardware Stores |
| Transportation Providers, Providing Transportation to Essential Activities | Home Based Care Providers, Residential Families, and Shelters |
| Media Services | Restaurants, but only for Delivery and Takeout |
| Childcare Facilities, Operating Under Mandatory Conditions | Road and Highway Construction or Maintenance |
| Public Works Construction | Construction of Housing |
| Airport Operations | Oil Refining |
| Water, Sewer, Gas and Electrical Operations | Solid Waste Collection and Removal |
| Internet | Telecommunications |

| Examples of Nonessential | |
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| Gyms or Fitness Facilities | Hair Stylists and Nail Salons |
| Bars and Nightclubs | Restaurants That Allow Eat In Dining |
| Wineries and Breweries | Large Gathering of People in a Room |
| Sports Games | Nonessential Medical Care Should be Postponed if Possible |
| Religious Institutions | Theaters |

DO'S AND DON'TS

| Do This | Don't Do This |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shop for food or household supplies • Take a walk, hike or run outside • Pick up prepared meals from restaurants, drive thru services or school meal programs • Obtain medical supplies or medication • Visit a healthcare professional, including taking pets for veterinary services • Obtain supplies needed to work from home • Deliver necessary food or supplies to friends, family, or others • Care for a family member or pet in another household • Access "essential" government services (law enforcement, first responders, etc.) • Provide childcare • Receive mail and deliveries from online purchases • Go to a retail store, bank, or gas station if needed to conduct essential services • Go to work and/or operate services and businesses designated as "essential" • Work from home, as feasible, for services and businesses designated as "nonessential" • Keep in contact with your friends and family by phone • Take public transit, rideshare, or drive to obtain or provide essential services. • Practice social distancing (an optimal six feet) between others | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hoard goods (keep only what you need on hand) • Travel for leisure • Attend school classes in person • Go to health clubs or gyms • Dine in at restaurants • Attend gatherings • Go to bars or nightclubs • Go to breweries or wine-tastings • Go to theaters |