

List of Essential Businesses

If your business does not fall into one of these categories, then it is considered “non-essential”.

Healthcare and Human Services

- Healthcare providers (e.g. hospitals, doctors' and dentists' offices, urgent care centers, clinics, rehabilitation and outpatient facilities, physical therapists, mental health professionals, psychiatrists, therapists, pharmacies, and research/testing laboratories)
- Healthcare administrative service providers, including those responsible for accounting, admitting and discharge, engineering, accrediting, certification, licensing, credentialing, epidemiology, blood donation, food service, environmental services, housekeeping, medical records, information technology and operational technology, nutrition, sanitation, respiratory therapy, etc.
- Healthcare manufacturing and medical equipment suppliers
- Home-based care for seniors, adults, or children
- Assisted living facilities, nursing homes, adult day care centers, and senior residential facilities
- Mortuary and related service providers
- Childcare facilities
- Veterinary providers and animal shelters
- Businesses that provide food, shelter, social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals
- Churches, synagogues and houses of worship

Food and Other Household Services

- Grocery stores, farmers' markets, farm and produce stands, supermarkets, food banks, convenience stores, and other establishments engaged in the retail sale of food or any other household consumer products (such as cleaning and personal care products). Note: this includes stores that sell both groceries and non-grocery products, including products necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operations of residences
- Restaurants and other facilities that prepare and serve food, subject to the limitations and requirements of Emergency Order 3-20 (take-out only)
- Food manufacturing, cultivation, and distribution businesses, including farming, livestock, and fishing
- Hardware stores
- Laundromats, dry cleaners, and laundry service providers
- Landscape and pool care businesses, including residential landscape and pool care services
- Pet supply stores

Communications and Information Technology

- Newspapers, television, radio, and other media services
- Telecommunications providers, including sales of computer or telecommunications devices and the provision of home telecommunications; this includes administrative support providers, such as technicians, operators and call centers
- Manufacturers and distributors of communications equipment

Commerce

- Businesses providing mailing and shipping services, including post office boxes
- Businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food, goods, or services directly to consumers
- Businesses that supply other essential businesses with the support or supplies necessary to operate (which do not interact with the general public)

- Businesses supporting the construction, maintenance, or rehabilitation of critical infrastructure and public works facilities
- Logistics providers, including warehouses, trucking, consolidators, fumigators
- Businesses that supply office products needed for people to work from home
- Businesses operating at any airport, seaport, or other government facility, including parks and government offices
- Businesses providing office space and administrative support necessary to perform any essential activity
- Banks and related financial institutions, including related administrative support providers (e.g. payment processing)
- Professional services, such as legal or accounting services, when necessary to assist in compliance with legally mandated activities
- Residential and commercial realtors

Utilities and Public Works

- Contractors and other tradesmen, appliance repair personnel, exterminators, and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences and other structures
- Companies supporting the energy sector (including propane, natural gas, or other utilities), including those who support construction, manufacturing, transportation, permitting, and logistics
- Businesses operating open construction sites, irrespective of the type of building
- Architectural, engineering, or land surveying services
- Factories, manufacturing facilities, bottling plants, or other industrial facilities
- Waste management facilities and service providers, including those responsible for the collection and disposal of waste
- Any business that is interacting with customers solely through electronic or telephonic means, and delivering products via mailing, shipping, or delivery services
- Manufactures and service providers supporting utilities and public services
- Private organizations supporting emergency management, law enforcement and fire and rescue services (and associated administrative services)
- Companies who maintain, manufacture, or supply equipment and services supporting law enforcement emergency service and response operations

Transportation

- Airlines, taxis, and other private transportation providers providing transportation services via automobile, truck, bus, or train
- Gas stations and auto-supply, auto-repair, and related facilities (including towing and recovery and roadside assistance providers)

Education

- Private colleges, trade schools, and technical colleges, but only as needed to facilitate online or distance learning