



Essential Services amid COVID-19 “Shutdown”

Know how to navigate commercial shutdowns

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, many industries are ceasing operations, closing buildings to occupants, or experiencing an overall reduction in business. Many cities and states are turning to a temporary “shelter in place” strategy to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Most businesses have moved to employees working remotely if possible or closing altogether unless deemed essential. As a society, we must stay at home unless an essential need or service should be fulfilled. We at RHP Risk Management Inc. remain open as essential service providers, as public health communicators, lab services and as support for critical trades to complete their work. To slow the pandemic and flatten the curve, please educate yourself and those around you about essential services.

According to multiple state governments, the “Essential Services” consistent across all or the majority of shutdown states include:

- Banks and financial institutions
- Critical trades (plumbers, electricians, construction and their service providers)
- Food services (grocery stores, food banks, restaurants for delivery & takeout)
- Funeral services
- Garbage & Sanitation
- Gas stations
- Hardware and supply stores
- Healthcare and Public Health Operations (hospitals, clinics, pharmacies, and public health communicators)
- Law Enforcement
- Laundromats
- Post offices and other shipping services
- Public Works & Utilities
- Transportation services

STAY AT HOME ORDER
WHAT YOU SHALL NOT DO

- **DON'T GO TO WORK** unless you are providing essential services
- **DON'T VISIT FRIENDS & FAMILY** if there is no urgent need
- **DON'T GET CLOSER THAN SIX FEET** away from others when you go out
- **DON'T GATHER IN GROUPS** of more than 10
- **DON'T VISIT LOVED ONES IN THE HOSPITAL, nursing home, or other residential care facility**



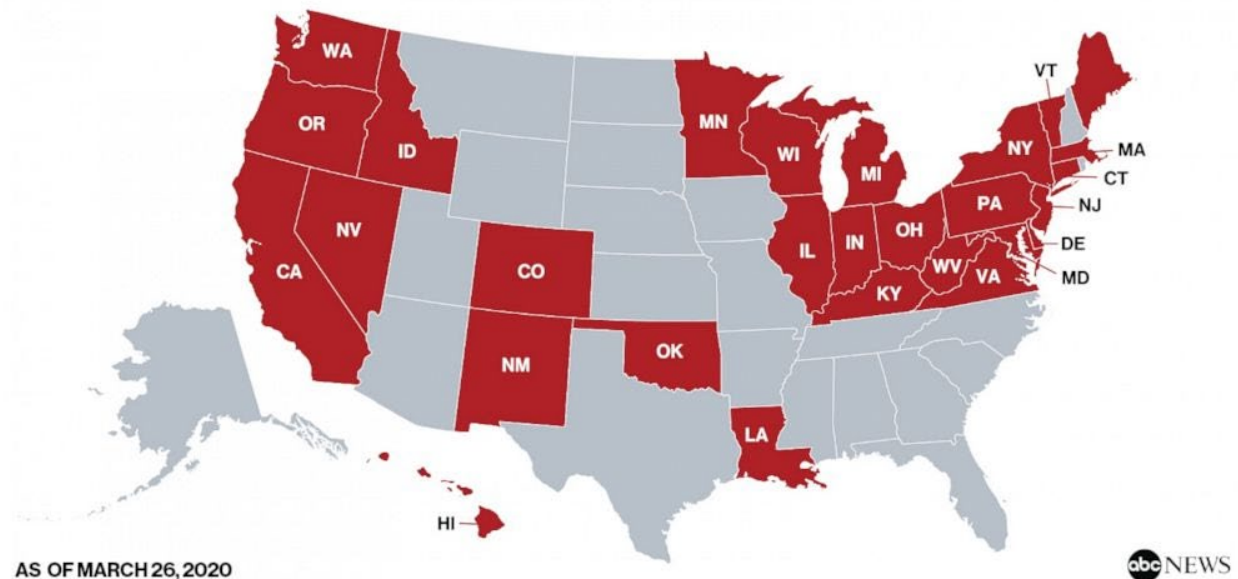


Essential Services State by State

Individual state guidelines on essential services may vary. Please educate yourself with your state laws and essential services in preparation for the next few weeks. Previously listed were essential services recognized by all or most states with a “shutdown order”.

As of March 27, 2020, there were no updates to the map below that shows twenty-eight (28) states that have initiated a commercial lockdown:

STATES WITH STATEWIDE NONESSENTIAL BUSINESS CLOSURES



Below are a few states with additional services listed that are not consistent with the general list:

Illinois “Stay at Home” - Governor J.B. Pritzker

Effective: March 20, 2020



All Illinoisans to stay in their homes and prohibits visiting other people’s homes (except to provide care or supplies) and gatherings of more than 10 people and closes all non-essential establishments.

Essential Services include:

- Jails/Prisons
- Hotel & Lodging
- Public Health Professionals
- Public Health Operators
- Community based organizations that provide meals and social services
- Cannabis for medical pickup only
- Human Service Operations (Mental health, disability services, etc.)

Useful Resources:

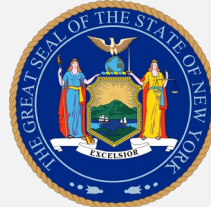
[State of Illinois Stay at Home – FAQs](#)

[City of Chicago Stay at Home - FAQs](#)



New York “State on Pause” - Governor Andrew M. Cuomo

Effective: March 24, 2020



All non-essential workers are directed to work from home, and everyone is required to maintain a 6' distance in public; 100% of workforce must stay home, excluding essential services.

Essential Services include:

- Research and laboratory services
- Hotel & Lodging
- National Defense services
- News Media
- Essential Manufacturing (medical supplies, pharmaceuticals, etc.)
- Emergency Veterinary Services
- Essential Operations of residences or businesses

Useful Resources:

[New York State COVID-19 Resources](#)

[New York State Department of Health](#)



California “Stay at Home” - Governor Gavin Newsom

Effective: March 19, 2020



All residents to stay home, except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of essential critical infrastructure sectors and additional sectors as the State Public Health Officer may designate as critical to protect health and well-being of all Californians.

Essential Services include:

- Hotels used for protecting homeless populations
- Veterinary Care
- Professional Services such as legal and accounting
- COVID-19 Research
- Social services including mental health
- Cannabis retailers
- National Defense services
- Essential Manufacturing (medical supplies, pharmaceuticals, etc.)
- Public Health Workers

Useful Resources: [State of California COVID-19 Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers](#)



Pennsylvania “Stay at Home” - Governor Tom Wolf

Effective: March 23, 2020



The following counties are under a “stay at home” order: Allegheny County, Bucks County, Chester County, Delaware County, Erie County, Lehigh County, Monroe County, Montgomery County, Northampton County, and Philadelphia County. All individuals in counties subject to this policy must stay at home except for certain essential activities and work to provide life-sustaining business and government services.

Essential Services include:

- Access to childcare services for employees of life-sustaining businesses
- News media

Useful Resources:

[State of Pennsylvania – Responding to COVID-19](#)

[PA Chamber of Business and Industry – Resources for COVID-19](#)

Louisiana “Stay at Home” - Governor John Bel Edwards

Effective: March 22, 2020



“Stay at Home” order directs all Louisiana residents to shelter at home and limit movements outside of their homes beyond essential needs.

Essential Services include:

- Access to childcare services for employees of life-sustaining businesses
- News media

Useful Resources:

[State of Louisiana – Stay at Home Order](#)

[State of Louisiana – Helpful Resources](#)