

Governor deems many businesses 'essential'

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Any local orders must comply with state guidance

Late afternoon **Monday**, **Gov. Doug Ducey** issued an executive order **clarifying** businesses and operations deemed “**essential**” by the state, providing **certainty** to business owners, employees and families during the coronavirus public health emergency.

The order is a **proactive** and **administrative** measure to ensure consistent guidance across the state, his office said. Orders by local governments “shall be **consistent** with advice from the Arizona Department of Health Services,” the release continued.

Broadly, “**essential**” businesses include:

Healthcare and public health operations, among them **hospitals**, **clinics**, **dental** offices, **pharmacies**, **eye care** providers, **home healthcare** service health and **substance** use **counselors**, health care **suppliers** and **veterinary** service providers;

Human service operations, among them **long-term care facilities**, **residential** settings and **shelters** for **adults**, **seniors**, **children** and those with **disabilities**; and businesses that provide **food**, **shelter** and **social services** and other **necessities** of life for those with **special** and **specific** needs;

Essential infrastructure operations, to include food **production**, **distribution** and **sale**, **construction**, building **management** and **maintenance**, **landscape** management, **airport** operations, **utilities** operations, **distribution** centers, public **transportation**, solid **waste** and **recycling** **collection** and **removal**, **internet**, **video** and **telecommunications** systems;

Essential governmental functions, including **parks** personnel, first **responders**, **emergency** management personnel, **courts**, **law enforcement** and **corrections** personnel, **hazardous** materials responders, **child protection** and **child welfare** personnel, **housing** and **shelter** personnel, **military** and other **governmental** employees working for or to **support** essential businesses and operations;

Essential businesses and operations, to include **grocery** stores, **pharmacies**, certified **farmers markets**, **farm** and **produce stands**, **supermarkets**, **convenience** stores, and other establishments engaged in the **retail sale** of **groceries**, **medicines** and **non-grocery products**;

Food, beverage and agriculture businesses, largely those **making** those products;

Outdoor recreation activities, such as **parks**, **trails** and **golf** courses, though golf courses may be **restricted** on their food and beverage services;

Organizations that provide charitable and social services, such as **food banks**;

Media;

Gas stations and businesses needed for **transportation**;

Financial institutions;

Hardware and **supply** stores;

Critical trades;

Mail, post, shipping, logistics, delivery and **pick-up** services;

Educational institutions. Previously, the governor has closed Arizona schools through **April 10**;

Laundry services;

Restaurants for consumption **off-premises**;

Suppliers of products needed to **work from home**;

Suppliers for essential businesses and **operations**, to include **technology vendors**;

Transportation;

Home-based care and services, for **adults, seniors, children** and people with **special needs**;

Professional and **personal services**, such

as **legal, accounting, insurance, personal hygiene** and **real estate** services;

Day care centers for employees **exempted** by the **executive order**;

Manufacture, distribution and **supply chain** for **critical** products and industries, such as **pharmaceutical, technology, biotechnology, healthcare, chemicals**;

Hotels and **motels**, to the extent used for **lodging** and **delivery** or **carryout** food services;

And **funeral** services.

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