

Governor Janet Mills' 3-31-20 Executive Order

Stay Healthy at Home Directive

Governor Mills' "Stay Healthy at Home" Executive Order requires that Maine people remain at home unless to leave for an essential job or an essential activity. Essential jobs are defined under Governor Mills' March 24 Executive Order outlining essential businesses and operations. (Listing attached)

Essential personal activities INCLUDE the following with relation to an individual, their family, household members, pets, or livestock

1. Obtaining necessary supplies for household consumption or use, such as groceries, and supplies and equipment needed to work from home, laundry, and products needed to maintain safety, sanitation, and essential maintenance of the home or residence.
2. Obtaining medication or medical supplies and seeking medical or behavioral health or emergency services.
3. Providing care, including transportation, of oneself, a family member, friend, pet or livestock in another household or location for essential health and safety activities and to obtain necessary supplies and services.
4. Traveling to and from an educational institution for purposes of receiving meals or instructional materials for distance learning.
5. Engaging in outdoor exercise activities, such as walking, hiking, running, or biking, but, only in compliance with the social gathering restriction in Executive Order 14 and all applicable social distancing guidance published by the U.S. and Maine Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
6. Travel required by a law enforcement officer or court order; and
7. Traveling to and from a federal, State, or local government building for a necessary purpose.

Travel Restrictions

The Order prohibits the use of public transportation unless for an essential reason or job that cannot be done from home and limits the number of people traveling in private vehicles to persons within the immediate household unless transporting for essential personal activities.

Termination of In-Person Instruction at Schools

Public and private schools and higher education institutions statewide have terminated in-classroom instruction in accordance with the Governor's March 15 recommendation. The Governor ordered that all such schools shall continue to cease classroom or other in-person instruction until at least May 1, 2020, or until further Order.

Restricting Number of People in Essential Stores

Governor Mills' Executive Order restricts the number of people allowed at essential businesses at any one time, mandates that they conduct as much business as possible by curbside order and pick up or delivery to limit in-person contact, and enforce physical distancing in and around their facilities by prominently posting signs at public entrances and on the floor to notify customers to stay six-feet apart.

It also requires that they disinfect the handles of every cart and basket between uses, minimize customer handling of unpurchased merchandise and offer separate operating hours for Maine people over the age of 60 and those with underlying medical conditions.

Under the Executive order, essential stores with retail spaces of:

- Less than 7,500 square feet limit the number of customers in the store at one time to 5. Examples of such stores include gas stations and convenience and specialty food stores.
- More than 7,500 and less than 25,000 square feet limit the number of customers in the store at one time to 15. Examples of such stores include stand-alone pharmacies and certain hardware stores.
- More than 25,000 and less than 50,000 square feet limit the number of customers in the store at one time to 50. Examples of such stores include mid-sized and locally owned grocery stores.
- More than 50,000 and less than 75,000 square feet limit the number of customers in the store at one time to 75. Examples of such stores include chain grocery stores.

- More than 75,000 square feet limit the number of customers in the store at one time to 100 and install protective shields between customers and checkout clerks as soon as practicable. Examples of such stores include Lowe's, Wal-Mart, Target and Home Depot.

Retailers must enforce these limits and a six-foot separation between any customers waiting in lines. Any essential business which violates this Order will be subject to further on-site restrictions or closure until those violations are addressed. These new requirements adjust and mandate prior recommendations from the Governor regarding essential businesses and operations.

Preemption

The Order preempts any local ordinance or emergency order of the same subject matter that is less restrictive than or otherwise inconsistent with this Order.

Enforcement

This Order shall be enforced by law enforcement as necessary and violations are a class E crime subject to up to six months in jail and a \$1000 fine. In addition, compliance with Section IV of this Order may also be enforced by government officials who regulate licenses, permits or any other authorization to operate a business or occupy a building. It is the Governor's hope that compliance will be voluntary, and that formal enforcement will not be necessary.



Essential Business Operations Definitions

March 31, 2020

ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES AND OPERATIONS:

Retail:

- Grocery Stores
- Household Goods
- Convenience Stores and Gas Stations
- Hardware Stores and Home Repair
- Automobile Repair
- Bicycle Repair
- Pharmacy and Other Medical Supply Stores
- Medical Marijuana Dispensaries
- Post Offices and Shipping Outlets
- Office Supplies
- Electronics and Communications
- Banks and Credit Unions
- Laundromats and Dry Cleaning
- Animal Feed and Pet Supply Stores
- Truck Delivery and Distribution of Goods
- Hotel and Commercial Lodging
- Boat Builders
- Real Estate Agencies
- Gun Shops
- Garden Stores and Green Houses
- Restaurants and Bars – Curbside Pickup, Takeout, and Delivery Only
- Fishing Supply and Bait Shops

Other Essential:

- Food Processing and Agriculture
- Fishing and Aquaculture
- Industrial Manufacturing
- Construction and Maintenance of Essential Infrastructure
- Trash Collection and Transfer Stations
- Forest Products
- Psychiatric and Long-Term Care Facilities
- Group Homes and Residential Treatment Facilities
- Biomedical
- Life Science
- Behavioral Health, Health Care, Dental Care, and Long-Term Services and Supports Providers and Organizations
- Child Care Providers
- Veterinary Clinics and Animal Welfare
- Public Transportation
- Legal, Business, Professional, Environmental Permitting and Insurance Services
- All Utilities Such as Electricity, Water, Wastewater and Telecommunications

NON-ESSENTIAL BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS:

- Shopping Malls
- Fitness and Exercise Gyms
- Spas
- Barber Shops
- Hair Salons
- Tattoo and Piercing Parlors
- Parlors
- Massage Facilities
- Nail Technicians
- Cosmetologists and Estheticians
- Electrolysis Services
- Laser Hair Removal Services, and Similar Personal Care and Treatment Facilities and Services
- Dog Grooming
- Auto Dealerships
- Golf Courses
- Disc Golf Courses
- Ride Share