

Essential Services

Statewide Stay-Home Order

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Governor Brad Little issued a **statewide stay-home order** (<https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/statewide-stay-home-order/>) and signed an extreme emergency declaration on March 25, 2020. The stay-home order is effective immediately and in place for 21 days. The Governor and public health officials will assess whether to extend the order near the end of the 21-day period.

- View Frequently Asked Questions on the order **here** (<https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/frequently-asked-questions-on-statewide-stay-home-order/>).
- View Additional Guidance on the order **here** (<https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/additional-guidance-statewide-stay-home-order/>).

Adoption of Federal Guidance – Idaho’s order adopts the guidance from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on “Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers during COVID-19 Response,” available [📄 here](https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/CISA_Guidance_on_the_Essential_Critical_Infrastructure_Workforce) (https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/CISA_Guidance_on_the_Essential_Critical_Infrastructure_Workforce).

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The Stay-Home Order provides guidance on essential services. All people may leave their residences only for Essential Activities, Essential Governmental Functions, or to operate Essential Businesses. Individuals experiencing homelessness are exempt, but are strongly urged to obtain shelter, and governmental and other entities are strongly urged to make such shelter available as soon as possible and to the maximum extent. People at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and people who are ill are urged to stay in their homes as much as possible (except to seek medical care).

1. Essential healthcare operations, including:

- Hospitals
- Clinics
- Dentists
- Healthcare providers
- Pharmacies
- Pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies
- Mental health providers
- Ancillary healthcare services
- Nursing homes, or residential healthcare facilities for seniors, adults and children
- Home-based care for seniors, adults, or children
- Veterinary services

2. Essential infrastructure, including:

- Public works construction
- Commercial construction
- Construction of housing (in particular affordable housing or housing for individuals experiencing homelessness)
- Airport operations
- Law enforcement
- Fire departments
- Water
- Sewer
- Gas
- Electrical
- Oil refining
- Mining
- Roads and highways
- Public transportation
- Solid waste collection and removal
- Transfer and sale of real estate
- Internet, and telecommunications systems (including the provision of essential global, national, and local

infrastructure for computing services, business infrastructure, communications, telecommunications relay service, and web-based services)

3. Essential services and businesses, including:

- Childcare programs and services
- Essential government services including services and programs offered by the Department of Health and Welfare
- Businesses that provide food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or other needy individuals
- Plumbers
- Electricians
- Exterminators
- Landscapers
- Grocery stores
- Certified farmers' markets
- Farm and produce stands
- Supermarkets
- Food banks
- Convenience stores
- Gas stations
- Auto supply stores
- Auto repair and related facilities
- Laundromats
- Dry cleaners
- Laundry service providers
- Hardware stores
- Hotels for purpose of isolation/quarantine or for those providing essential services
- Businesses providing mailing and shipping services, including post office boxes
- Food cultivation including farming, livestock, and fishing
- Firearm businesses
- Other establishments engaged in the retail sale of canned food, dry goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, pet supply, fresh meats, fish, and poultry, liquor, beer, and wine and any other household consumer products (such as cleaning and personal care products). This includes stores that sell groceries and also sell other non-grocery products, and products necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences.

4. News media

5. Education services (Visit the State Department of Education website (<https://www.sde.idaho.gov/>) for more information)

6. Essential financial services, including:

- Banks
- Credit Unions
- Insurance
- Services related to financial markets

7. Essential transportation services, including:

- Airlines
- Taxis and other private transportation providers
- Transportation providers supporting essential activities
- Public transportation for essential services

8. Essential food services, including:

- 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 to students or members of the public may continue to do so on the condition that the food is provided to students or members of the public on a pick-up and takeaway 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.)

9. Other essential services, including:

- Professional services, such as legal or accounting services, when necessary to assist in compliance with legally mandated activities

- Businesses that supply products needed for people to work from home
- Businesses that supply other essential businesses with the support or supplies necessary to operate
- Businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food, goods or services directly to residences
- Essential tribal operations
- Essential operations at or related to INL or needed to support or provide supplies to INL

Essential Business Designation Form

- **Apply for an Essential Business Designation** (<https://publicforms.dhw.idaho.gov/Forms/request-designation-as-essential-business>)