



Dallas County Stay-At Home Order - Essential Businesses

Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins has issued a shelter-at-home order for the county which will start at 11:59 p.m. on Monday March 23 and continue until at least April 3.

Under Dallas County's Stay-at-Home Order the following are defined as essential businesses:

Healthcare Operations:

Healthcare Operations. Hospitals, clinics, dentists, pharmacies, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, other health-care facilities, healthcare suppliers, mental health providers, substance abuse service providers, blood banks, medical research, laboratory services, or any related and/or ancillary healthcare services. Home-based and residential-based care for seniors, adults, or children. Veterinary care and animal welfare services

NOT COVERED: Fitness centers and gyms. Elective medical, surgical, and dental procedures.

Government Functions:

Local government operations, including "essential government functions." Must abide by social distancing requirements

Critical Infrastructure:

Work necessary to the operations and maintenance of the 16 critical infrastructure sectors as identified by the National Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency (CISA) including public works construction, residential and commercial construction, airport operations, water, sewer, gas, electrical, oil refining, roads and highways, public transportation, solid waste collection and removal, internet, and telecommunications systems (including the provision of essential global, national, and local infrastructure for computing services, business infrastructure, communications, and web-based services), financial institutions, defense and national security-related operations, essential manufacturing operations. Must abide by social distancing and screening requirements

Retail:

Grocery stores, warehouse stores, big-box stores, bodegas, liquor stores, gas stations and convenience stores, farmers' markets that sell food products and household staples; farming, fishing, and livestock; Grocery delivery and shipping; Restaurants doing delivery and carry out only; School providing meals for take-away only. NO restriction on restaurants and cafes in hospitals. Laundromats, dry cleaners, and laundry service; gas stations; auto supply; bike and auto repair; hardware stores; businesses supply products for work from home.

Providers of Basic Necessities to Economically Disadvantaged Populations:

Businesses that provide food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals

Services Necessary to Maintain Essential Operations of Residences or Other Essential Businesses

Trash and recycling collection, processing and disposal, mail and shipping services, building cleaning, maintenance and security, warehouse/distribution and fulfillment, storage for essential businesses, funeral homes, crematoriums and cemeteries. Plumbers, electricians, exterminators, and other service providers maintaining essential operations of residences and Essential Businesses. Professional services, such as legal or accounting services, when necessary to assist in compliance with legally mandated activities. Businesses that supply other essential businesses with support or supplies needed to operate.

News Media:

Newspapers, television, radio, and other media services.

Childcare Services:

Childcare facilities providing services that enable employees exempted in this Order to work as permitted.

In addition, the Order provides:

- Any manufacturer who retools so that a substantial part of their business is for the purpose of manufacturing and producing ventilators may apply for an "essential business" exemption under this Order.
- Delivery hour restrictions are lifted for transport to or from any entity involved in the selling or distribution of food products, medicine, or medical supplies in Dallas County for the next 60 days.
- Due to increased demand for bath or toilet tissue resulting from stock up buying and individuals who purchase for resale, a mandatory limit on toilet paper sales is instituted until the supply chain meets the demand or two weeks, whichever comes first. All sales of bath or toilet tissue occurring in Dallas County are limited to the greater of: (a) twelve (12) rolls per purchase or (b) one (1) package per purchase.
- Nursing homes, retirement, and long-term care facilities are instructed by this order to prohibit non-essential visitors from accessing their facilities unless to provide critical assistance or for end-of-life visitation.

If you have questions regarding essential business classification, please consult your attorney. Resourcing Edge does not provide legal or tax advice.