



# LA COUNTY BUSINESS & WORKER DISASTER HELP CENTER

## LOS ANGELES COUNTY SAFER AT HOME HEALTH OFFICER ORDER LIST OF ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES

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The following is a list of businesses, organizations, and facilities that are considered Essential Businesses under the March 21, 2020 Los Angeles County [Safer At Home Health Order \(Order\)](#), and may remain open to the public.

### **Essential Businesses are required to practice the following infection control precautions:**

- Practice social distancing by requiring patrons, visitors, and employees to be separated by six (6) feet to the extent feasible.
- Provide access to handwashing facilities with soap and water or hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol.
- Post a sign in a conspicuous place at the public entry to the venue instructing members of the public to not enter if they are experiencing symptoms of respiratory illness, e.g. fever, cough.
- Adhere to communicable disease control recommendations provided by Public Health.

*Please note that this is not an exhaustive list and may be updated periodically. New updates will be reflected in blue.*

### **Animal Care Services**

Establishments that generally cover the health, welfare, handling and supervision and husbandry of animals.

- Animal Shelters
- Veterinary Clinics
- Animal Control Offices
- Pest Control
- In-house Pet Sitters- only if necessary for a worker of Essential Business, Essential Infrastructure, or Healthcare Operation
- Doggy Day Care – only if necessary for a worker at an Essential Business, Essential Infrastructure, or Healthcare Operation
- Animal Boarding Facilities
- Animal Feed Stores and Pet Stores
- Workers providing care to zoos, aquariums, wildlife parks, nature preserves, game farms

### **Childcare Services**

Childcare facilities providing services that enable employees exempted in the Order to work, as permitted. To the extent possible, childcare facilities must operate under the following mandatory conditions:

- Childcare must be carried out in stable groups of 12 or fewer (“stable” means the same 12 or fewer children are in the same group each day)
- Children shall not change from one group to another
- If more than one group of children is cared for at one facility, each group shall be in a separate room. Groups shall not mix with each other
- Childcare providers shall remain solely with one group of children

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## Communication and Media Services

Establishments that provide outlets, tools or services used to communicate information or data. Does not apply to retail sale of media products, such as newspaper stands.

- Cable TV companies
- Internet Service Providers
- Telephone (cellular and landline companies, such as AT&T, Verizon)
- Broadcasting companies and stations, including television, radio, magazine, and Podcasts

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## Construction Services

Establishments that engage in the building, operation, inspection, and maintenance of construction sites and construction projects for Essential Infrastructure.

- Public Works Construction
- Construction of commercial, office, and institutional buildings, and housing (in particular affordable housing or housing for individuals experiencing homelessness)
- Architecture Services
- Engineering Services

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## Education Sector

Educational institutions (including public and private K-12 schools, colleges, and universities) whose purpose is to educate students, provided that they facilitate distance learning. Please follow [guidance from Public Health](#).

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## Energy & Utility Services

Establishments that provide or transmit electricity, gas, or services essential to providing basic amenities.

- Gas stations
- Chemical Plant
- Electricians
- Plumbers
- Exterminators
- Custodial/janitorial workers
- Handyman services
- HVAC installers
- Carpenters
- Landscapers, gardeners
- Solid waste services, including **recycling services**
- Tree maintenance, vegetation services
- Laundromats, dry cleaners, laundry service providers
- Moving Services
- Pool Services
- Property Managers

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## Food and Agricultural Services

Establishments engaged in the retail sale of canned food, dry goods, fresh fruit and vegetables, pet supply, water, fresh meats, fish, and poultry, and any other household consumer products (e.g., cleaning or personal care products). This includes stores that sell groceries along with other non-grocery products, and products necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences (e.g., Target).

- Grocery Stores
- Supermarkets
- Convenience Stores
- Certified Farmers' Markets
- Farm and Produce Stands
- Food cultivation, including farming, livestock, and fishing
- Food Preparation Facilities
- Food Banks and Food Pantries
- Food Delivery Services

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- Businesses that provide food, shelter, social services, necessities of life for disadvantaged
- Restaurants/businesses that prepare food but only for carry-out/delivery or drive-thru

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## Financial Services

Establishments that provide services involving the investment, lending, and management of money and assets.

- Banks
- Credit Unions
- Financial Institutions
- Insurance Companies
- Pawn Shops that provide loans

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## Healthcare Operations and Public Health Services

Establishments that provide medical services, manufacture medical equipment supplies, specialize in products and services related to health and medical care, provide medical insurance or otherwise facilitate the provision of healthcare to patients.

- Hospitals, clinics
- Laboratories,
- Pharmacies
- Pharmaceutical and Biotechnology companies
- Other licensed healthcare facilities
- Healthcare suppliers
- Home healthcare service providers
- Mental Health providers
- Cannabis Dispensaries with a medicinal cannabis license
- Medical or scientific research companies, and/or ancillary healthcare services
- Manufacturers, Distributors and servicers of medical devices, diagnostics, and equipment

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## Hotel and Lodging

Establishments providing necessary shelter and short-term dwelling, not for the purposes of vacation or leisure activities.

- Hotels and Motels
- Shared Rental units and similar facilities

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## Manufacturing Services

Establishments engaged in the mechanical, physical, or chemical transformation of materials, substances, or components into consumer or industrial goods

- Businesses that provide parts and services for Essential Infrastructure
- Businesses that supply office or computer products needed by people who work from home
- Businesses that supply other Essential Businesses with support or supplies necessary to operate

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## Professional Services

Establishments that provided services that are necessary to assist in compliance with legally mandated activities.

- Law Firms
- Accounting Firms and Services
- Real Estate and Inspection Services, only for the purpose of title work and closing; open houses and showings are restricted to one family/party at a time or appointment only.
- Funeral services, including funeral homes, crematoriums and cemeteries

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## Retail Stores

Establishments engaged in the process of selling essential consumer goods or services to consumers. This does not include the selling of non-essentials goods.

- Hardware Stores
- Appliance Stores
- Nurseries
- Building material store
- Pool Stores
- Camping, Outdoor Goods Stores
- Wineries, Breweries, and Tap Rooms – only to operate non-public production and retail sale at essential business.
- Essential businesses located in indoor malls and shopping centers only if they can be accessed from exterior of mall.

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## Services for Vulnerable Populations

Establishments that provide essential goods, services and necessities of life to economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals

- Home-based care for seniors, adults, disabled persons, or children
- Residential care facilities and shelters for seniors, adults, disabled persons, and children
- Food Banks and Food Pantries
- Homeless service providers, shelters

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## Transportation and Logistics Services

Establishments that provide logistical support or deliver goods or services directly to residences, Essential Businesses, Healthcare Operations, Essential Infrastructure

- Airlines and operators of commercial aircraft
- Taxis
- Private Transportation Providers
- Motor carriers
- Automotive repair shops and supply stores
- Courier, package delivery, mail services and mail management companies. This includes business providing PO boxes

## List of Non-Essential Businesses

- Bars and Nightclubs
- Movie theatres, drive-in theatres
- Live performance venues, concert halls, arenas and stadiums
- Gyms and Fitness Centers
- Wineries, Breweries, and Tap Rooms (portions that offer beverage consumption)
- Personal grooming centers such as nail or hair salons
- Golf Courses, Tennis, Volleyball and Basketball Courts
- Smoke or Tobacco Shops
- Clothing Stores
- Car Wash Businesses
- Car Sales (except car repairs within car dealerships)
- Indoor malls and shopping centers (except for Essential Businesses that can be accessed from the exterior of the indoor mall)
- Indoor and Outdoor children’s playgrounds (except for those located within childcare centers)

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- Flea Markets and Swap Meets
- Florist shops
- Balloon shops
- Art supplies
- Furniture stores
- Gun and Ammunition Shops (except to sell (a) ammunition to security guard companies; (b) to persons who have already lawfully purchased a firearm; and (c) to persons who possess a valid California Firearms Safety certificate (CFS), per Order of the Sheriff)

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