

List of 'critical businesses' in Colorado listed on Public Health Order 20-24



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DENVER (KKTV) - On Wednesday, Colorado's governor announced a stay at home order for the state.

"I direct all businesses other than those qualified as "Critical Businesses" under Public Health Order 20-24 or any Public Health Order issued pursuant to this Executive Order, to close temporarily, except as necessary to engage in minimum-basic operations needed to protect assets and maintain personnel functions," the stay at home order reads.

The governor referred to Public Health Order 20-24 for a list of critical businesses. [Click here to read the full order.](#) An amended version was sent out Wednesday at about 8 p.m.

The following is a list of "Critical Businesses" in Colorado as defined in Public Health Order 2024:

1. Healthcare Operations, Including:

- hospitals, clinics, and walk-in health facilities
- medical and dental care, including ambulatory providers
- research and laboratory services
- medical wholesale and distribution
- home health care companies, workers and aides
- pharmacies
- pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies
- behavioral health care providers including crisis services

- veterinary care and livestock services
- nursing homes, residential health care, or congregate care facilities
- medical supplies and equipment manufacturers and providers, including durable medical equipment technicians and suppliers
- Blood banks

All medical, dental and veterinary care provided pursuant to this Order must comply with the directives set forth in Executive Order D 2020 009.

2. Critical Infrastructure, Including:

- utilities including power generation, fuel supply and transmission
- oil and gas production field operations
- public water and wastewater
- telecommunications and data centers
- transportation and infrastructure necessary to support authorized businesses
- hotels, and places of accommodation
- businesses and organizations that provide food, shelter, social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged, persons with access and/or functional needs, or otherwise vulnerable individuals
- food and plant cultivation, including farming crops, livestock, food processing and manufacturing, animal feed and feed products, rendering, commodity sales, and any other work critical to the operation of any component of the food supply chain
- Any business that produces products critical or incidental to the construction or operation of the categories of products included in this subsection

3. Critical Manufacturing, Including:

- food processing, manufacturing agents, including all foods and beverages
- chemicals
- medical equipment supplies or instruments
- pharmaceuticals
- sanitary products
- telecommunications
- microelectronics/semiconductor
- agriculture/farms
- household paper products
- any business that produces products critical or incidental to the processing, functioning, development, manufacture, or delivery of any of the categories of products included in this part 3.
- Any manufacturing necessary to support a Critical Business

4. Critical Retail, Including:

- grocery stores including all food and beverage stores
- farm and produce stands
- gas stations and convenience stores
- restaurants/bars (for take-out/delivery only as authorized under Public Health Order 20-22, as amended)
- marijuana dispensary, but only for the sale of medical marijuana or curbside delivery pursuant to Executive Order D 2020 011
- hardware, farm supply, and building material stores
- establishments engaged in the retail sale of food and any other household consumer products (such as cleaning and personal care products)

5. Critical Services, Including:

- trash and recycling collection, processing and disposal

- mail and shipping services, and locations that offer PO boxes
- laundromats and drycleaning services
- building cleaning and maintenance
- child care services (following the requirements outlined in Exemptions listed in 20-24)
- auto supply and repair (including retail dealerships that include repair and maintenance, provided that retail activity ceases)
- warehouse/distribution and fulfillment
- funeral homes, crematoriums, and cemeteries
- in-person pastoral services for individuals who are in crisis or in need of end of life services provided social distancing is observed to the greatest extent possible
- storage for critical businesses
- animal shelters, animal rescues, zoological facilities, animal sanctuaries, and other related facilities

6. News Media

7. Financial Institutions, Including:

- Banks and credit institutions
- Insurance, payroll, and accounting services
- services related to financial markets

8. Providers of Basic Necessities to Economically Disadvantaged Populations, Including:

- homeless shelters and congregate care facilities
- food banks
- human services providers whose function includes the direct care of patients in state-licensed or funded voluntary programs; the care, protection, custody and oversight of individuals both in the community and in state-licensed residential facilities; those operating community shelters and other critical human services agencies providing direct care or support

9. Construction, Including:

- especially for housing and housing for low-income and vulnerable people
- skilled trades such as electricians, plumbers
- other related firms and professionals for who provide services necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and critical operation of residences

10. Defense

- defense and security-related operations supporting the State of Colorado, local government, the U.S. Government or a contractor to either or all.

11. critical Services Necessary to Maintain the Safety, Sanitation and critical Operations of Residences or Other critical Businesses, Including:

- law enforcement
- fire prevention and response
- building code enforcement
- security
- emergency management and response
- building cleaners or janitors
- general maintenance whether employed by the entity directly or a vendor
- automotive repair
- Disinfection
- Snow removal

12. Vendors that Provide Critical Services or Products, Including Logistics and Technology Support, Child Care

and Services:

- logistics
- technology support for online and telephone services
- child care programs and services
- government owned or leased buildings
- critical government services

13. "Critical Government Functions" means providing, operating, and supporting:

- Public safety (police stations, fire and rescue stations, correctional institutions, emergency vehicle and equipment storage, and, emergency operation centers)
- Emergency response
- Judicial branch operations, including attorneys if necessary for ongoing trials and required court appearances, unless appearances can be done remotely
- Emergency medical (hospitals, ambulance service centers, urgent care centers having emergency treatment functions, and non ambulatory surgical structures but excluding clinics, doctors offices, and non-urgent care medical structures that do not provide these functions)

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- Designated emergency shelters
- Communications (main hubs for telephone, broadcasting equipment for cable systems, satellite dish systems, cellular systems, television, radio, and other emergency warning systems, but excluding towers, poles, lines, cables, and conduits)
- Public utility plant facilities for generation and distribution (hubs, treatment plants, substations and pumping stations for water, power and gas, but not including towers, poles, power lines, buried pipelines, transmission lines, distribution lines, and service lines)
- Transportation. Airlines, taxis, transportation network providers (such as Uber and Lyft), vehicle rental services, paratransit, and other private, public, and commercial transportation and logistics providers necessary for Necessary Activities
- Transportation infrastructure (aviation control towers, air traffic control centers, and emergency equipment aircraft hangars), critical road construction and maintenance
- Hazardous material safety
- Services to at-risk populations and Vulnerable Individuals
- Any government service required for the public health and safety, government functionality, or vital to restoring normal services

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