

- c. For purposes of this order, individuals may leave their residence to work for or obtain services at any “Healthcare Operations” including hospitals, clinics, dentists, pharmacies, pharmaceutical, biotechnology companies, and blood bank services, other healthcare facilities, healthcare suppliers, home healthcare services providers, behavioral health providers, or any related and/or ancillary healthcare services. “Healthcare Operations” also includes veterinary care and all healthcare services provided to animals. This exemption shall be construed broadly to avoid any impacts to the delivery of healthcare, broadly defined. “Healthcare Operations” does not include fitness and exercise gyms and similar facilities.
- (1) For purposes of this order, individuals may leave their residence to provide any services or perform any work necessary to the operations and maintenance of “Essential Infrastructure,” including, but not limited to, public works construction, construction of housing (in particular affordable housing or housing for individuals experiencing homelessness), airport operations, water, sewer, gas, electrical, oil refining, energy production, 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), provided that they carry out those services or that work in compliance with Social Distancing Requirements as defined this Section, to the extent possible.
- (2) For purposes of this order, all first responders, emergency management personnel, emergency dispatchers, court personnel, law enforcement personnel, and certain public health personnel, and others who need to perform essential services are categorically exempt from this order. Further, nothing in this order shall prohibit any individual from performing or accessing “Essential Governmental Functions,” as determined by the governmental entity performing those functions. Each governmental entity shall identify and designate appropriate employees or contractors to continue providing and carrying out any Essential Governmental Functions. All Essential Governmental Functions shall be performed in compliance with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in this Section, to the extent possible.
- (3) For the purposes of this order, covered businesses include any for-profit, non-profit, or educational entities, regardless of the nature of the service, the function they perform, or its corporate or entity structure.
- (4) For the purposes of this order, “Essential Businesses” means:
- (a) Healthcare Operations and Essential Infrastructure;
  - (b) Grocery stores, certified farmers’ markets, farm and produce stands, supermarkets, food banks, convenience stores, and other establishments

- engaged in the retail sale of canned food, dry goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, pet supply, fresh meats, fish, and poultry, 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;
- (c) Food cultivation, including farming, livestock, and fishing;
  - (d) Businesses that provide food, shelter (including hotels, motels, and similar establishments) social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals;
  - (e) Newspapers, television, radio, and other media services;
  - (f) Gas stations and auto-supply, auto-repair, and related facilities;
  - (g) Banks and related financial institutions;
  - (h) Hardware stores;
  - (i) Plumbers, electricians, exterminators, and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences, Essential Activities, and Essential Businesses:
  - (j) Businesses providing mailing and shipping services, including post office boxes;
  - (k) Educational institutions—including public and private K-12 schools, colleges, and universities—for purposes of facilitating distance learning or performing essential functions, and governmental continuity, provided that Social Distancing Requirements as defined in this Section, to the extent possible;
  - (l) Laundromats, drycleaners, and laundry service providers;
  - (m) 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 under this order on the condition that the food is provided to students or members of the public on a pick-up and take-away 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;

- (n) Businesses that supply products needed for people to work from home;
- (o) Businesses that supply other essential businesses with the support or supplies necessary to operate;
- (p) Businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food, goods or services directly to residences;
- (q) Airlines, taxis, and other private transportation providers providing transportation services necessary for Essential Activities and other purposes expressly authorized in this order;
- (r) Home-based care for seniors, adults, or children;
- (s) Residential facilities and shelters for seniors, adults, and children;
- (t) Professional services, such as legal or accounting services, when necessary to assist in compliance with legally-mandated activities;
- (u) Childcare facilities providing services that enable employees exempted in this order to work as permitted;
- (v) Businesses engaged in any form of cultivation of products for personal consumption or use, including farming, ranching, livestock, fishing, dairies, creameries, wineries, breweries, and associated activities, including, but not limited to, activities or businesses associated with planting, growing, harvesting, processing, cooling, storing, packaging, and transporting such products, or the wholesale or retail sale of such products, but prohibiting public consumption on premises and provided that, to the extent possible, such businesses comply with Social Distancing Requirements and otherwise provide for the health and safety of their employees;
- (w) On-going commercial construction (meaning commercial construction that actually commenced, and was not just permitted, prior to the effective date of this order), provided that such activity implements Social Distancing Requirements to the extent feasible and otherwise provides for the health and safety of their employees.

12. For businesses subject to environmental health regulations, inspections of such business facilities will continue to ensure compliance with this order and other applicable regulations.

13. This order shall remain in effect until rescinded or modified in consultation with and at the recommendation of the County Health Officer.

A copy of this order and regulation shall be posted on all outside public access doors of the new County Government Center of the County of San Luis Obispo and in one public place within any area of the County within which this order and regulation applies, and personnel of the County of San Luis Obispo shall endeavor to make copies of this order and regulation available to the news media.

Date: 18 MAR 2020

  
Emergency Services Director

Time: 1830