



Governor Mills Stay Healthy at Home FAQs

Q: If my business is listed as essential do I need documentation from the state? Do my employees need documentation to come to work?

A: No, if your business is listed as essential you do not need documentation, nor do your employees. If you wish for a formal letter from the Department of Economic and Community Development, you may request one [here](#).

Q: My business is listed as non-essential, but I believe it is essential, what do I do?

A: If you believe that your business is essential, you may fill out an [essential business designation request form](#).

Q: If my business is non-essential, can I still offer curbside pick up for products that I sell?

A: No, if your business is non-essential then you must close to the public. Any work that can be done remotely can continue. Governor Mill's Stay Healthy at Home Order allows people to go out for essential personal activities only.

Q: Can restaurants and bars still be open?

A: The only change the Governor's new executive order made concerning restaurants and bars was extend the ban on dining in an establishment until April 30th. Restaurants and bars can continue to offer take-out, curbside pick-up, and delivery.

Q: What are the essential personal activities in the Executive Order?

A: Essential personal activities include the following with relation to an individual, their family, household members, pets, or livestock:

- Obtaining necessary supplies for household consumption or use, such as groceries, and supplies and equipment needed to work from home, laundry, and products needed to maintain safety, sanitation, and essential maintenance of the home or residence.
- Obtaining medication or medical supplies and seeking medical or behavioral health or emergency services.
- Providing care, including transportation, of oneself, a family member, friend, pet or livestock in another household or location for essential health and safety activities and to obtain necessary supplies and services.
- Traveling to and from an educational institution for purposes of receiving meals or instructional materials for distance learning.

- Engaging in outdoor exercise activities, such as walking, hiking, running, or biking, but, only in compliance with the social gathering restriction in Executive Order 14 and all applicable social distancing guidance published by the U.S. and Maine Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- Travel required by a law enforcement officer or court order; and
- Traveling to and from a federal, State, or local government building for a necessary purpose

Q: Will essential stores and business be required to limit the number of customers inside at any one time?

A: Yes, the number of customers allowed in a store or business at any one time will be limited. Those guidelines are listed in the Governor's Executive Order.

Q. Will stores face a penalty if these guidelines are not adhered to?

A: Yes, if the number of customers in the store exceeds the limits, or customers waiting in line do not follow the 6-foot separation guidelines, then the business could be closed.

Q: If I have an essential service that requires volunteers such as a food bank, school lunch delivery program, or soup kitchen, can my volunteers still participate?

A: Yes, volunteers that help provide an essential service to their communities are able to continue volunteering while adhering to the CDC guidance including social distancing and hygiene

Q: Can I still go to my office for work?

A: Employees are encouraged to do as much work remotely as possible. However, if your business is listed as essential you may go to work.

Q: I need to drive to an educational institution to pick up school work for my children, is that okay? Can I pick up their school lunch?

A: Yes, as they are both considered essential personal activities.

Q: Does the Governor's Executive Order override municipal orders?

A: Cities and towns have the right to create more restrictive orders but cannot have orders that would be less restrictive.