



Essential Businesses and Operations – Requirements

Essential Businesses and Operations and businesses engaged in Minimum Basic Operations must take proactive measures to ensure compliance with the Director of Health's order.

Social Distancing Requirements:

- Maintaining at least six-foot social distancing from other individuals;
- Washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer;
- Covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands);
- Regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands.

Required measures:

- **Designate six-foot distances.** Designating with signage, tape, or by other means six foot spacing for employees and customers in line to maintain appropriate distance;
- **Hand sanitizer and sanitizing products.** Having hand sanitizer and sanitizing products readily available for employees and customers;
- **Separate operating hours for vulnerable populations.** Implementing separate operating hours for elderly and vulnerable customers; and
- **Online and remote access.** Posting online whether a facility is open and how best to reach the facility and continue services by phone or remotely.

In order to minimize contact among people and stop the spread of COVID-19, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Ohio Department of Health Director Amy Acton are ordering all Ohioans to stay home or at their place of residence, effective 11:59 p.m. March 23, 2020, except for essential activities or essential governmental functions, or to operate essential businesses and operations. Homes or residences include houses, rental units, hotels, motels, shared rental units, shelters, and similar facilities. The order will be in effect until 11:59 p.m. April 6, 2020, unless it is rescinded or modified before then. For full details, please read the [order](#).