

Safer at Home Talking Points

March 24, 2020

Earlier today, Governor Evers and the Department of Health Services outlined the details of the [Safer at Home Order](#), effective from March 25 - April 24, 2020. Below is a summary of the key aspects outlined in this Order:

- **Gatherings are not allowed:** Individuals residing in the same household may gather together in any permitted location. Avoid social gatherings with people of all ages (including playdates and sleepovers, parties, large family dinners, visitors in your home, non-essential workers in your house);
- **The public should follow [simple steps](#) to prevent illness and avoid exposure to this virus including:**
 - ✓ Frequent and thorough hand washing with soap and water;
 - ✓ Covering coughs and sneezes;
 - ✓ Avoiding touching your face; and
 - ✓ Stay home as much as possible: #StayHomeSaveLives
- **Limit travel:** Trips outside of the home should only be to stores to obtain goods, including groceries, essential household items or supplies, medication and other services, such as medical appointments, for yourself or anyone you may be caring for. Traveling to exercise outdoors on trails or pathways is allowed and encouraged, as long as [social distancing](#) practices are maintained.
- **Residents should continue to practice [social distancing](#) whenever possible.** Residents are able to:
 - Perform tasks essential to maintain health and safety, such as obtaining medicine or seeing a doctor;
 - Get necessary services or supplies for themselves or their family or household members, such as getting groceries and essential household items, pet food and supplies necessary for staying at home;
 - Travel to, and care for, a family member in another household; and
 - Care for older adults, minors, dependents, people with disabilities or other vulnerable persons.
- **Businesses allowed to operate under the Safer at Home order include, but are not limited to:**
 - Health care operations, including home health workers;
 - Critical infrastructure;
 - Businesses that provide food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise vulnerable individuals;
 - Fresh and non-perishable food retailers, including convenience stores, grocery stores, farmers' markets, and food banks;
 - Restaurants may remain open for carry-out or delivery service only
 - Businesses that ship or deliver mail, groceries, food and goods directly to residences;
 - Pharmacies, health care supply stores and health care facilities;

- Child care facilities, with some [limitations](#);
- Gas stations and auto repair facilities;
- Banks;
- Laundry businesses, dry cleaners and services necessary for maintaining the safety, sanitation and essential operation of a residence, including garbage collection;
- Hardware stores, plumbers, and electricians;
- Educational institutions, for the purposes of facilitating distance learning;
- Roles required for any business to maintain minimum basic operations, which includes security, and payroll;
- Law and safety, and essential government functions will continue under the recommended action;
- Transportation providers including airlines, taxis, vehicle rental services, and other public, private, and commercial transportation; and
- Hotels and motels.