



State Emergency Declarations Relative to Mass Gatherings

Current as of April 2, 2020, 5:00 p.m.

CDC [references mass gatherings](#) as events with 1000 or more people.

State	Guidance on Gatherings/Travel	Reference
Alabama	Effective March 28, 2020 at 5:00 P.M., all non-work related gatherings of 10 persons or more are prohibited. "Non-essential" businesses, venues, and activities shall be closed to non-employees. Grocery stores are considered essential.	Health Order
Alaska	Stay at Home Order prohibiting in-state travel, outside essential activities. Gatherings of more than 10 people are also prohibited. Businesses where individuals are within six feet of each other must stop all operations.	Alaska Health Mandates
Arkansas	Follows CDC guidance.	Arkansas Department of Health
Arizona	Statewide stay at home order directing Arizonans to limit their time away from their place of residence, except when participating in essential	Governor's Office Stay at Home Order



	activities, including obtaining food.	
California	All individuals living in the state are ordered to stay at their residence, except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of the federal critical infrastructure sectors, including grocery.	Executive Order
Colorado	Bars and restaurants closed through April 30. Statewide stay-at-home order in effect. Residents may not leave their homes except for critical activities, which includes obtaining food and critical employees going to work. "Critical exempt workplaces" include grocery stores.	Workforce Reduction Order Stay-at-Home Order
Connecticut	State subject to "Stay Safe, Stay Home" Order. All non-essential business statewide ordered to prohibit all in-person functions by 8PM, March 23. Non-essential public gatherings of any size should be cancelled. Individuals should limit outdoor recreation activities to non-contact. Grocery stores are considered essential.	Executive Order
Delaware	Executive Order orders all physical locations of non-essential businesses closed. All individuals in the state are directed to shelter in place.	Executive Order Shelter in Place Order



District of Columbia	Stay at home order, effective April 1.	Mayor's Office Order
Georgia	Executive Order closes all bars and nightclubs and bans all gatherings of ten or more people unless distances of at least six feet can be maintained between people at all times. The Department of Public Health is empowered to close any business, establishment, non-profit, or organization for noncompliance.	Executive Order
Florida	Safer at Home Order requiring all persons in Florida to limit their movements and personal interactions outside of their home to only those necessary to obtain or provide essential services or conduct essential activities. Grocery stores are essential. Local jurisdictions shall ensure that groups of people greater than ten are not permitted to congregate in any public space.	Safer at Home Office
Hawaii	Statewide stay-at-home order. Essential workers, including grocery store and pharmacy workers, are exempt. Residents may leave home to purchase food.	Hawaii Emergency Declaration Health.Hawaii.gov Stay-at-Home Order
Idaho	Statewide stay-at-home order. Excludes essential services, which covers grocery stores.	Stay-at-Home Order



	Non-essential business must close physical locations.	
Illinois	Governor JB Pritzker (D) has directed all individuals to stay at home. Non-essential business operations must cease in the state. All public or private gatherings outside of a single household are living unit are prohibited. Grocery stores are exempt.	Executive Order
Indiana	Executive Order directs all individuals in the state to remain in their homes except when they are at work or for permitted activities, such as taking care of others, obtaining necessary supplies, and for health and safety. Residents should stay home unless their work is an essential function, which includes grocery store employee. The order is in effect from March 25 to April 7.	Mass Gatherings Order Bars and Restaurants Order Stay at Home Order
Iowa	All restaurants and bars to cease on-premise consumption. Mass gatherings of 10 or more people at all events are prohibited.	Executive Order
Kansas	Statewide Stay-at-Home Order directing residents to stay home unless performing an essential activity, which includes obtaining food, medicine and other household necessities.	Executive Order



Kentucky	All public facing business that cannot comply with CDC guidelines on social distancing shall cease in-person operations and all non-life sustaining businesses are ordered to close. Life sustaining businesses include grocery stores. Bars and restaurants may continue carryout and delivery.	Executive Order Executive Order Executive Order on Business Closure
Louisiana	All gatherings of more than 10 people must be postponed or cancelled. All individuals are under a general stay-at-home order, unless performing an essential activity. Obtaining food is considered essential.	Executive Order
Maine	Stay Healthy at Home directive requires people living in Maine to stay at home at all times unless for an essential job or an essential personal reason, such as obtaining food, medicine, health care, or other necessary purposes. Essential businesses and operations that remain open must limit the number of customers in their buildings at any one time, implement curbside pickup and delivery options as much as possible, and enforce U.S. CDC-recommended physical distancing requirements for their customers and employees.	Stay Health at Home Directive
Maryland	Statewide Stay-at-Home Order 8:00 p.m. on March 30.	Stay at Home Order



	<p>Gatherings of more than 10 people are prohibited. Non-essential businesses are closed. Essential businesses are those critical infrastructure sectors identified by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, including grocery.</p>	
Massachusetts	<p>On March 23, the Governor issued an emergency order requiring all businesses and organizations that do not provide "COVID-19 Essential Services" to close their physical workplaces and facilities to workers, customers and the public as of Tuesday, March 24th at noon until May 4. Workers supporting groceries, pharmacies and other retail, including farmers markets and farm stands, that sells food and beverage products, including liquor stores are exempt.</p>	<p>Executive Order</p> <p>Executive Order regarding Grocery and Pharmacy Operations</p>
Michigan	<p>On March 23, the Governor directed all businesses and operations to temporarily suspend in-person operations that are not necessary to sustain or protect life. The order also directs Michiganders to stay in their homes unless they're a part of that critical infrastructure workforce, engaged in an outdoor activity, or performing</p>	<p>Executive Order</p>



	tasks necessary to the health and safety of themselves or their family, like going to the hospital or grocery store.	
Minnesota	Statewide stay-at-home order for non-essential workers. Closure of bars, restaurants and other places of public accommodation in Minnesota extended until May 1. Coffee shops, meal services and deli counters with no seating are allowed to remain open. Grocers should close or rope-off all on premise dining or seating within their stores.	Stay-at-Home Order Public Accommodations Closure Order
Missouri	Every person in the State of Missouri shall avoid social gatherings of more than ten (10) people. Every person in the State of Missouri shall avoid eating or drinking at restaurants, bars, or food courts. Order does not apply to grocery stores.	Governor's Office
Montana	Statewide stay at home order through April 10. All non-essential business operations in the state must close. Grocery stores are considered essential.	Stay at Home Directive
Navajo Nation	General recommendation to limit travel off the reservation.	Declaration
Nebraska	56 counties under a Directed Health Measure which prohibits gatherings of more than 10	Directed Health Measure



	people and limits food and beverage sales to off-premise only.	
Nevada	Non essential businesses closed for 30 days. Restaurants and bars are restricted to take out or delivery service. Grocery stores are exempt.	Executive Order
New Hampshire	Residents are directed to stay at home and leave only for essentials. Non-essential businesses are closed. Executive Order prohibits gatherings of 10 people or more. Restricts food and beverage sales to carry-out, delivery, curbside pick up and drive through; no onsite consumption is permitted.	Executive Order Stay at Home Order
New Jersey	All residents are directed to stay at home until further notice. All non-essential businesses are closed to the public. Grocery stores are exempt.	Executive Order
New Mexico	Stay at Home Order closes all non-essential businesses, requiring 100 percent of the state's non-essential workforce to work from home. As in other states that have enacted similar measures, there are exceptions pertaining to essential services for the preservation of health, safety and well-being.	Stay at Home Order
New York	Restaurants and bars will close for on premise service and move to take-out and delivery only.	Workforce Reduction Order



	Stay at home order for all workers, excluding essential services, as of evening March 22 through April 16. Grocery stores are exempt.	Modified Disaster Declaration
North Carolina	Stay at home order for residents to stay at home for thirty days, until April 29, 2020. The maximum size of gatherings is reduced to 10 people. The Order provides for essential businesses, including grocery stores, to continue to operate while prioritizing social distancing measures.	Stay at Home Order
North Dakota	Bars and restaurants directed to close to on-site patrons. Certain other businesses directed to close. Closures extended through April 20.	Governor's Office Executive Order
Ohio	All persons must stay at home unless engaged in essential work or activity. Non-essential business operations must cease. All public and private gatherings outside a household are prohibited and any gathering on 10 people is prohibited.	Executive Order
Oklahoma	Social gatherings of more than 10 people are prohibited. Safer at Home order for adults over 65 years old. All businesses not deemed critical infrastructure shall close. Bars and restaurants	Executive Order



	may provide curbside pickup and delivery.	
Oregon	All non-essential social and recreational gatherings of individuals are prohibited immediately, regardless of size, if a distance of at least six feet between individuals cannot be maintained. Gatherings of members of the same residential household are permitted. Retail business for which close personal contact is difficult to avoid are closed. Grocery stores are exempt and local ordinances are preempted.	Governor's Office
Pennsylvania	The Governor has ordered that all restaurants and bars close their dine-in facilities to help stop the spread of COVID-19. By March 23 at 8AM all non-life sustaining businesses in PA must close their physical locations. Grocery stores are exempt.	Governor's Office
Rhode Island	Statewide stay-at-home order through April 13, with exceptions getting food, medicine, gas, or going to work. Gatherings of more than five people are prohibited. All non critical retail businesses must cease in-person operations.	Executive Order
South Carolina	All restaurants and bars to close dine-in service. Take-out and delivery is available.	Order was announced at a press



		conference. No document available.
South Dakota	References general CDC guidance	DOH.SD.gov
Tennessee	Governor will sign Executive Order 23 requiring that Tennesseans stay home unless they are carrying out essential activities. Executive order urges people to refrain from social gatherings of 10 or more people; prohibits onsite dining at restaurants; and lists grocery stores and gas stations as "places necessary to maintain health and economic well being."	Executive Order News Release on Stay at Home Order
Texas	Every person in Texas shall, except where necessary to provide or obtain essential services, minimize social gatherings and minimize in-person contact with people who are not in the same household.	Executive Order
Utah	Limiting gatherings of 100 or more for two weeks. Everyone over the age of 60 should avoid large gatherings with more than 20 people. Everyone who is immunocompromised should avoid large gatherings with more than 20 people.	Coronavirus.Utah.Gov
Vermont	Executive Order directs Vermonters to stay at home, leaving only for essential	Mass Gatherings Order



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	reasons, critical to health and safety. All businesses and not-for-profit entities not expressly exempted in the order must suspend all in-person business operations. Grocery stores are essential.	Order Closing Bars and Restaurants Stay at Home Order
Virginia	Statewide Stay at Home Order through June 10. Trips to obtain food and beverages are permitted. Public gatherings of more than 10 people are prohibited.	Stay at Home Order
Washington	Statewide Stay at Home Order requires every Washingtonian to stay home unless they need to pursue an essential activity; bans all gatherings for social, spiritual and recreational purposes; and closes all businesses except essential businesses.	Stay at Home Order
West Virginia	All West Virginian residents are required to stay at home and limit movements outside of their homes beyond essential needs. Grocery stores are considered essential.	Executive Order
Wisconsin	All Wisconsinites must stay at home as much as possible and non-essential businesses and operations must cease, with limited exceptions for minimum basic operations and working from home. All public and	Safer at Home Order



	private gatherings of any number of people that are not part of a single household or living unit are prohibited, except for limited exceptions.	
Wyoming	Public Health Order prohibits gatherings of 10 people or more in a single room or confined space (including outdoors) and closes bars, restaurants, coffee shops and some personal services businesses through April 17. Food establishments can continue to provide take out and delivery services.	WY Health Dept. News Release

Additional References:

HealthcareReady Map of US States with Emergency Declarations and **Access/Reentry** instructions: <https://healthcareready.org/covid19/map/>

[What 'state of emergency' means for coronavirus](#) (CNN) March 10, 2020

Sources:

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