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### Governor Evers Releases Safer at Home Order

Chippewa Falls, WI – March 24, 2020 1:08 PM – Governor Tony Evers has issued a Safer at Home order for all Wisconsin residents. The order begins at 8 AM on Wednesday, March 25, 2020, and will remain in effect until Friday, April 24, 2020 at 8 AM, or until another order is issued.

The Safer At Home order prohibits all non-essential travel, with some exceptions as clarified in the [order](#). Individuals that are deemed an Essential Business or Operation do not need special documentation to continue working; you will also not need special permission to leave your home. However, Wisconsinites are asked to comply with the order with regards to taking special trips outside of the home.

Under the order, residents are allowed to:

- Perform tasks essential to maintain health and safety, such as getting medicine or seeing a doctor;
- Get necessary services or supplies for themselves or their family or household members, such as getting groceries, pet food, and other supplies;
- Care for a family member in another household; and
- Care for older adults, minors, dependents, people with disabilities or other vulnerable persons.

Businesses that Governor Evers has deemed essential are listed below. If a business is unsure about whether or not they are considered essential, contact the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation at 608-210-6700 or visit their website.

All Wisconsinites must start taking COVID-19 seriously, and we must all step up to do our part to keep each other safe and healthy. People across our state are still out and about unnecessarily, which is putting our friends, neighbors, and communities at risk. Please stay home and save lives.

As this situation is rapidly evolving, the health department continues to be your up-to-date source of information. Send your questions about COVID-19 to [covid@co.chippewa.wi.us](mailto:covid@co.chippewa.wi.us).

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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;
- Businesses that ship or deliver 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; and
- Law and safety, and essential government functions will continue under the recommended action.

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