

What Businesses are Essential? – Dallas County

Health Care

- hospitals
- health clinics
- doctors
- dentists
- pharmacies
- pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies
- other healthcare facilities
- healthcare suppliers
- home healthcare services providers
- mental health providers
- substance abuse providers
- blood banks
- medical research, or any related and/or ancillary healthcare services
- Veterinary care provided to animals.
- Home-based care for seniors, adults, or children
- Residential facilities and shelters for seniors, adults, and children
- Alcoholics Anonymous meetings

Government

- Essential Government Functions

Critical Infrastructure

- public works construction
- residential and commercial construction
- airport operation
- water
- sewer
- gas
- electrical
- oil refining
- roads and highways
- public transportation
- solid waste collection and removal
- internet
- telecommunications systems
- financial institutions
- defense and national security-related operations
- essential manufacturing operations

Retail

- Food service providers
 - including grocery stores
 - warehouse stores
 - big-box stores
 - bodegas
 - liquor stores
 - gas stations and convenience stores
 - farmers' markets that sell food products and household staples
- Food cultivation
 - including farming
 - fishing and livestock
- Businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food, goods or services directly to residences
- Restaurants and other facilities that prepare and serve food, but only for delivery or carry out
- Schools and other entities that typically provide free services to students or members of the public on a pick-up and take-away basis only
- The restriction of delivery or carry out does not apply to cafes and restaurants located within hospital and medical facilities
- Laundromats
- dry cleaners
- laundry service providers
- Gas stations, auto-supply
- auto and bicycle repair
- hardware stores, and related facilities

Economically Disadvantaged

- Businesses that provide food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals

Maintain Essential Operations of Residences or Other Essential Businesses.

- Trash and recycling collection
- processing and disposal
- mail and shipping services
- building cleaning and maintenance
- warehouse/distribution and fulfillment
- storage for essential businesses
- funeral homes
- crematoriums and cemeteries
- landscapers and yard services
- construction
- backflow assembly testers
- plumbers
- electricians

- exterminators
- other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation
- essential operations of residences and Essential Businesses
- Professional services, such as legal or accounting services, when necessary to assist in compliance with legally mandated activities
- Businesses that supply other essential businesses with the support of supplies needed to operate
- Payroll, accounting, and insurance companies
- Firearm and ammunition suppliers and retailers for purposes of safety and security
- Real estate and inspection services, but only for the purpose of title work and closing; open houses and showings are prohibited

News Media

- Newspapers
- television
- radio
- and other media services

Childcare

- Childcare facilities providing services that enable employees exempted in this Order to work as permitted

Process for applying for an exemption:

Any manufacturer who retools their business for the purpose of manufacturing and producing ventilators, masks, personal protective equipment, or any supply necessary for Essential Healthcare Operations may apply for an “essential business” exemption under this Order.

Submit requests for an exemption to BusinessCOVID19@dallascounty.org