

Illinois Governor Pritzker Announces Stay at Home Order

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Illinois Governor JB Pritzker announced that, effective **tomorrow, March 21 at 5:00 pm through April 7**, all residents of Illinois are subject to a stay at home order. All nonessential business operations have been ordered to cease. If workers can work from home, they are ordered to do so. However, “fundamental building blocks” will not be closing down. Residents are permitted to visit: (1) restaurants for take-out; (2) hospitals and medical centers; (3) pharmacies; (4) gas stations; (5) and banks, among other essential businesses. Residents are also permitted to leave home for light exercise, but Illinoisans are ordered to stay home as much as possible.

Regarding what constitutes “essential services / infrastructure,” Gov. Pritzker’s order provides that “Essential Businesses and Operations” include:

1. Grocery stores;
2. Pharmacies;
3. Food, beverage, and cannabis production and agriculture;
4. Charitable and social services organizations;
5. Media;
6. Gas stations and businesses needed for transportation;
7. Financial institutions;
8. Hardware and supply stores;
9. Critical trades (i.e., plumbers, electricians, exterminators, cleaning and janitorial staff, security staff, operating engineers, HVAC, painting, moving and relocation services, and other services that are necessary to maintain safety, sanitization, and essential operation of residences);
10. Mail;
11. Educational institutions;
12. Laundry services

13. Restaurants for consumption off-premises;
14. Supplies to work from home;
15. Supplies for Essential Businesses and Operations;
16. Transportation;
17. Home-based care and services
18. Residential facilities and shelters;
19. Professional services;
20. Day care centers
21. Manufacture, distribution, and supply chain for critical products and industries (including products used by other Essential Businesses and Operations);
22. Critical labor union functions;
23. Hotels and motels; and
24. Funeral services

Further note that Essential Business and Operations includes “Essential Infrastructure,” which itself includes, but is not limited to:

1. Food production, distribution and sale;
2. Construction;
3. Building management and maintenance;
4. Airport operations;
5. Operation and maintenance of utilities;
6. Electrical;
7. Distribution centers;
8. Oil and biofuel refining;
9. Roads, highways, railroads and public transportation;
10. Ports;
11. Cybersecurity operations;
12. Flood control;
13. Solid waste and recycling collection and removal; and
14. Internet, video, and telecommunications systems.

For more information about recommended steps, please contact your Foley relationship partner. For additional web-based resources available to assist you in monitoring the spread of COVID-19 on a global basis, you may wish to visit the [CDC](#) and the [World Health Organization](#).

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