



EFFECTIVE
11:59 P.M. MARCH 30
TO 11:59 P.M. APRIL 27

“STAY AT HOME” ORDER DEFINED

Essential interpretations and determinations are made on a County/Municipal Level. This list is not exhaustive, and questions may arise. Please reference our real-time FAQ list at [NORCROSSGA.NET/COVID19](https://www.norcrossga.net/COVID19), and if you still have a question or concern please contact the City of Norcross at stayhome@norcrossga.net.

WHAT IS THE COUNTY-WIDE “STAY AT HOME” ORDER?

On Friday, March 27th, Gwinnett County in concert with all 16 Gwinnett cities agreed to issue a “Stay at Home” Order. This ensures maximum effectiveness in the mission to slow the spread of COVID-19 and preserve the community’s capacity to provide essential governmental and healthcare services. The order mandates:

INDIVIDUALS TO STAY AT HOME

All individuals currently living within the city limits of Norcross are directed to stay at their place of residence unless otherwise allowed for Essential Activities, Essential Governmental Functions or to operate Essential Businesses. Individuals must at all times (as reasonably possible) maintain social distancing of at least six feet from any other person when they are outside their residence. Residences include hotels, motels, shared rental units and similar facilities.

BUSINESSES TO CLOSE

All businesses with a facility in the City of Norcross city limits, with the exception of Essential Businesses, are required to cease all activities at these facilities except Minimum Basic Operations. Non-essential Businesses may only continue operations beyond Minimum Basic Operations should they be conducted exclusively by employees or contractors working from home.

PUBLIC GATHERINGS PROHIBITED

All public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a household or living unit are prohibited, except for the limited purposes as expressly permitted by “essential” definitions.

CEASE NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL

All travel, including (but not limited to) travel on foot, bicycle, scooter, motorcycle, automobile or public transit, except Essential Travel and Essential Activities, is prohibited. People riding on public transit for one of the permitted “essential” purposes must comply with Social Distancing Requirements to the greatest extent feasible.

WHAT IS AN ESSENTIAL ACTIVITY?

Individuals not under a personal order from the Department of Public Health to isolate, quarantine or shelter in place may leave their place of residence for the following purposes only:

1. To engage in activities or perform tasks essential to their health and safety, or to the health and safety of their family, household members, partners or significant others (including, but not limited to, pets). Examples of such include:
 - obtaining medical supplies or medication
 - visiting a health care professional
 - obtaining supplies needed to work from home
2. To obtain necessary services or supplies from Essential Businesses or access Essential Governmental Services for themselves and their family or household members, or to deliver those services or supplies to others.
3. To engage in outdoor activity, provided the individuals comply with Social Distancing Requirements, such as walking, hiking, running or bicycling.
4. To perform work providing essential products and services at an Essential Business or to otherwise carry out activities specifically permitted in this Order, including Minimum Basic Operations.
5. To care for a family member or pet in another household.

WHAT IS AN ESSENTIAL BUSINESS?

An essential business is one that falls into one of the following categories:

1. Healthcare operations including hospitals, clinics, dentists, pharmacies, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, other healthcare facilities, healthcare suppliers, home healthcare services providers, mental health providers, veterinary care and all healthcare services provided to animals, or any related and/or ancillary healthcare services. "Healthcare Operations" does not include fitness and exercise gyms, fitness studios and similar facilities.
2. Essential Infrastructure including public works construction, private construction and all related activities, airport operations, water, sewer, gas, electrical, roads and highways, public transportation, solid waste collection and removal, internet and telecommunications systems (including the provision of essential global, national and local infrastructure for computing services, business infrastructure, communications and web-based services).
3. Grocery stores, certified farmers' markets, farm and produce stands, supermarkets, food banks, convenience stores and other establishments engaged in the retail sale of canned food, dry goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, pet supply, fresh meats, fish, poultry and any other household consumer products (such as cleaning and personal care products). This includes stores that sell groceries and also sell other non-grocery products, and products necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation and essential operation of residences.
4. Food cultivation including farming, livestock and fishing
5. Businesses and other organizations that provide food, shelter and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals

6. Newspapers, television, radio and other media services
7. Gas stations and auto-supply, auto-repair and related facilities
8. Banks and related financial institutions
9. Hardware stores
10. Plumbers, electricians, exterminators, and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation and essential operation of residences and Essential Businesses
11. Businesses providing mailing and shipping services, including post office boxes
12. Educational institutions, except to the extent closed by the Governor—including private K-12 schools, colleges and universities—for purposes of facilitating distance learning or performing essential functions, provided that such institutions maintain social distancing requirements to the greatest extent feasible
13. Laundromats, drycleaners and laundry service providers
14. Restaurants and other facilities that prepare and offer food or beverages to customers through delivery, takeout and/or drive-thru service. Any establishment that is licensed for on-premises consumption of alcoholic beverages shall be authorized to sell unopened bottles of beer or wine and new, sealed growlers of beer via curbside or takeout during the times specified by alcoholic beverage license and pertinent Code sections. Schools and other entities that typically provide free food services to students or members of the public may continue to do so on the condition that the food is provided on a pick-up and take-away basis only.
15. Businesses that supply products needed for people to work from home
16. Businesses or manufacturers that supply other essential businesses with the support or supplies necessary to operate
17. Businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food, goods or services directly to residences
18. Airlines, taxis and other private transportation providers providing transportation services necessary for Essential Activities and other purposes expressly authorized in this Order
19. Home-based care for seniors, adults or children
20. Residential facilities including hotels, motels, shared rental units and similar facilities and shelters for seniors, adults and children

21. Professional services such as legal, accounting services and real estate services when necessary to assist in compliance with legally mandated activities
22. Unless otherwise preempted by state law or executive order of the Governor, childcare facilities providing services that enable employees exempted in this Order to work provided that such businesses maintain social distancing requirements to the greatest extent feasible
23. Businesses providing services, goods, materials or other items to any government.
24. Any service that is deemed by the City of Norcross to be essential for the protection of public health, safety and welfare

WHAT ARE MINIMUM BASIC OPERATIONS?

Provided that employees comply with social distancing requirements to the greatest extent feasible, "Minimum Basic Operations" include the following:

1. The minimum necessary activities to maintain the value of the business's inventory, ensure security, process payroll and employee benefits, or for related functions
2. The minimum necessary activities to facilitate employees of the business being able to continue to work remotely from their place of residence

WHAT ARE ESSENTIAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONS?

All first responders, emergency management personnel, emergency dispatchers, court personnel, law enforcement personnel and others who need to perform essential services are categorically exempt from this Order. All Essential Governmental Functions shall be performed in compliance with social distancing requirements to the greatest extent feasible.

WHAT IS ESSENTIAL TRAVEL?

"Essential Travel" includes travel for any of the following purposes:

1. Any travel related to the provision of or access to Essential Activities, Essential Governmental Functions, Essential Businesses or Minimum Basic Operations
2. Travel to care for the elderly, minors, dependents, persons with disabilities or other vulnerable persons
3. Travel to or from educational institutions for purposes of receiving materials for distance learning, for receiving meals and for any other related services
4. Travel to return to a place of residence from outside the jurisdiction
5. Travel required by law enforcement or court order
6. Travel required for non-residents to return to their place of residence outside the city. Individuals are strongly encouraged to verify that their transportation out of the County remains available and functional prior to commencing such travel.

For the most up to date information on the city's response to COVID-19, visit [NORCROSSGA.NET/COVID19](https://www.norcrossga.net/covid19).