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## COVID-19: State of WI #SaferAtHome Order Essential vs. Nonessential Businesses

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WI Governor Tony Evers will be issuing an order for #SaferAtHome order on Tuesday, ordering all “nonessential” businesses to close. Our NCHC operations are considered essential and your travel to and from work is allowed.

From Gov. Evers: *“Workers providing essential care or services in our communities will be allowed to continue to travel to and from work. That includes folks like healthcare professionals, grocers, family caregivers, among other people whose work is critical for folks across our state.”*



**We encourage you to carry your NCHC ID badge with you as you travel to and from work.**

*“You can still get out and walk the dogs—it’s good exercise and it’s good for everyone’s mental health—but please don’t take any other unnecessary trips, and limit your travel to essential needs like going to the doctor, grabbing groceries, or getting medication.”*

There is a video link to the left to Gov. Evers announcement today. You can watch the first 3-4 minutes and he will explain what this means.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XmXeGrPuyu0&feature=youtu.be>

### But which businesses are considered essential and which are considered nonessential?

Technically, it’s up to cities and states to decide, but there are some businesses that all locales have deemed essential. The Department of Homeland Security has also issued a guidance on workers who are essential to infrastructure.

#### These essential businesses include:

- Supermarkets and grocery stores
- Pharmacies
- Garbage collection
- Daycare centers
- Gas stations and auto-repair shops
- Post offices and shipping businesses
- Farmers’ markets and food banks
- Businesses that provide necessities to shelters and economically disadvantaged people
- Educational institutions, for the purposes of facilitating distance learning
- Agriculture and food processing
- Transportation, including airlines, taxis, rideshare programs, and vehicle rentals
- Businesses that allow essential businesses to operate
- Big-box stores
- Convenience stores and discount stores
- Healthcare operations
- Hardware stores
- Banks
- Veterinary clinics and pet stores
- Warehousing, storage, and distribution

Nonessential businesses are generally recreational in nature. They don’t provide groceries, health or financial support, or utilities. Restaurants fall in this category, but most locations have allowed restaurants to continue to operate as long as they close dining rooms and switch to exclusively take-out and delivery.

#### These are the businesses largely agreed to be nonessential:

- Theaters
- Gyms and recreation centers
- Salons and spas
- Museums
- Casinos and racetracks
- Shopping malls
- Bowling alleys
- Sporting and concert venues