



**AGENCY OF COMMERCE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

# **Stay Home, Stay Safe Executive Order and Municipalities**

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and Community Development**

# Stay Home, Stay Safe

- *Stay home*
- *Work remotely*
- *Non-Essential suspension of in-person operations*
- *All businesses should innovate (curbside etc.)*
- *All must implement health and safety changes*
- *Functions deemed critical to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security may continue in-person operations*
- *EO directs what is critical, ACCD issued guidance*
- *WHEN IN DOUBT, ERR ON THE SIDE OF CAUTION*

# Can you continue in-person operations?

- First consult the text of the Executive Order to determine if they are determined critical and the April 17<sup>th</sup> Guidance associated with Addendum 10.
- Review the frequently asked questions and sector-by-sector guidance.
- Review a NAICS code reference sheet. This document includes clear “yes” or “no” indicators next to each NAICS code determining whether a business may continue in-person business.
- Finally, consult the list of professions the Agency has deemed essential. Inclusion on this does not mean a business should continue to operate as normal.

# Safety Precautions

**All organizations must follow Vermont Department of Health and CDC guidelines:**

- Employees shall not report to, or be allowed to remain at, work or job site if sick or symptomatic (with fever, cough, and/or shortness of breath).
- All employees must observe strict social distancing of 6 feet while on the job.
- Employees must wear non-medical cloth face coverings
- Employees must have easy and frequent access to soap and water or hand sanitizer during duration of work, and handwashing or hand sanitization should be required before entering, and leaving, job sites.
- All common spaces and equipment, including bathrooms, frequently touched surfaces and doors, tools and equipment, and vehicles must be cleaned and disinfected at the beginning, middle and end of each shift *and* prior to transfer from one person to another.
- No more than 2 people shall occupy one vehicle when conducting work.

# Municipal Guidance

## ESSENTIAL Public Safety and Public Works Services:

Municipalities may continue in-person operations under the Governor's Executive Order under certain circumstances. Section 6 (b) states that “law enforcement, public safety and first responders, including fire, ambulance services, emergency medical technicians and emergency management personnel” are deemed critical and may continue in-person business operations. Section 6 (d) states that “construction necessary to support the COVID-19 response and maintain critical infrastructure” are deemed critical and may continue in-person business operations.

Road crews shall only do repairs to roadway infrastructure necessary to ensure the imminent safety of motorists. Repairs such as big potholes, or failing culverts, necessary grading of dirt roads to keep them passable, and similar maintenance activities are allowed under the Executive Order.

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## NON ESSENTIAL-Public Works Services

- Other normal springtime maintenance, is only permitted be done in accordance with the April 17th guidance concerning outdoor work and low-contact work.
- Towns may wish to model their policies after the Agency of Transportation April 20th policy. All other local town highway operations must wait until the State of Emergency has been lifted.

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## Financial and Professional Services:

- Services such as land records and title searches; marriage license applications (see separate guidance on marriages); birth or death certificate searches; library lending are not considered critical to public health and safety or economic and national security, and must only be done in accordance with the April 17th guidance.

# Some helpful links

- **How to clean and disinfect (CDC)**  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html>
- **How to make a cloth mask (Vt Dept. of Health)**  
<https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/COVID-19-VDH-mask-guidance.pdf>
- **Where to buy a cloth face mask (Vt. Dept. of Health)**  
<https://vem.vermont.gov/covid19/facecovering>



# Complaints / Non-compliance

- *Attorney General's Stay Home, Stay Safe Enforcement Directive: <https://ago.vermont.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/AGO-EO-Enforcement-Directive-4.3.20.pdf>*
- *Department of Public Safety Stay Home, Stay Safe Complaint Form: [https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=0500IK26PEOcAnDtzHVZxp8VolcMV9NNu0QyG\\_vdGAVUN1pLSTdOMERRR1dXOVpZMDBZUEtNVlhXMi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=0500IK26PEOcAnDtzHVZxp8VolcMV9NNu0QyG_vdGAVUN1pLSTdOMERRR1dXOVpZMDBZUEtNVlhXMi4u)*

# Questions

- *Ted Brady, Deputy Secretary, Agency of Commerce and Community Development*
- Ask for additional guidance at [accd.Vermont.gov](https://accd.vermont.gov)
- [Commerce.covid19@Vermont.gov](mailto:Commerce.covid19@Vermont.gov)
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