

WHAT DOES AUGUSTA'S COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY ORDER MEAN TO ME?

Is my business an essential service that is allowed to stay open?

Businesses in the following categories can stay open. Please ensure that customers **observe the six foot social distancing rule** to the extent possible:

- Grocery and Household Goods Businesses (including convenience stores)
- Food Cultivation and Processing
- Agriculture
- Industrial Manufacturing
- Construction (no new permits)
- Restaurants offering take-out and delivery only
- Hardware and Building Material Stores
- Auto Sales and Repair
- Medical Facilities and Pharmacies
- Biomedical and Health Care
- Adult and Child Care Services with conditions
- Post Offices and Shipping Outlets
- Insurance and Real Estate
- Banks and other Financial Businesses
- Gas Stations
- Laundromats, Dry Cleaners, etc.
- Veterinary Clinics and Animal Supply Stores
- Public Transportation
- Hotels and Commercial Lodging
- Social Services and Assistance Agencies
- News Media
- Medical Marijuana Facilities
- Security Companies
- All Government Operations
- Businesses that supply a listed essential service or supply products for people to work at home

This list is intended to mirror the Governor's list of essential services in her March 24, 2020 Order. If you have questions about this list, please contact Police Chief Jared Mills at 626-2370 ext 3410 or go to <https://www.maine.gov/essentialservice>. **If your business does not fit into one of these categories, it must close.** You can still access your business location if it is for essential functions such as processing mail, depositing checks, completing payroll and paying vendors. Everyone on site should **observe the six foot social distancing rule**, and the fewest number of employees should be on site as possible.

What am I allowed to leave my home to do?

Augusta does NOT have a "stay at home" or "shelter in place" order. However, we urge people to travel only when it is necessary. We recommend choosing one family member to shop for essentials and use curbside pickup services whenever possible.

Can I get food at a restaurant?

Take-out or delivery services may operate. Use curbside pickup whenever possible. Dine-in service is prohibited.

Can I go outside with friends?

Gatherings of more than 10 people are prohibited throughout the state per the Governor's March 15, 2020, order. But Augusta's Order is not a "Stay at Home" Order. Any gathering with individuals who are not from your household should **observe the six foot social distancing rule**.

Can I walk my dog or exercise outside?

Yes. Please **observe the six foot social distancing rule to the greatest extent possible in any outdoor area**, including streets, trails, grounds, fields, tennis or basketball courts or other outdoor areas.

Can I go to church, temple or mosque?

All religious services are allowed in groups of 10 or less but must **observe the six foot social distancing rule** between worshippers.

How is this different from the Governor's Order?

Augusta's order differs in two primary ways. Non-essential businesses are to close to workers, customers, and the public. And a willful violation of this order after having been told to cease the activity may result in a City Ordinance Violation.

What if I don't follow these rules?

You can be fined \$500, plus court costs.

How long will these rules be in place?

The rules will be in place until April 2, 2020, unless extended by the Augusta City Council.