

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. -- Gov. Eric Holcomb issued an executive order Monday telling Hoosiers to stay home as the state deals with the growing coronavirus pandemic.

During his speech to Hoosiers Monday, the governor said travel would be permissible for essential errands and businesses. So, what constitutes an essential business?

According to the governor's executive order, essential businesses and operations include:

- Essential government operations
- Healthcare and public health operations
- Human services operations
- Essential infrastructure
- Public safety
- Stores that sell groceries and medicine
- Food, beverage and agriculture
- Organizations that provide charitable and social services
- Religious entities
- Media entities
- Gas stations and businesses needed for transportation
- Financial and insurance institutions (banks, credit unions, etc.)
- Hardware and supply stores
- Critical trades (electricians, construction, etc.)
- Mail, post, shipping, logistics, delivery and pickup services
- Educational institutions
- Laundry services
- Restaurants (carryout, drive-thru and delivery only)
- Supplies to work from home
- Supplies for essential business and operations
- Transportation (includes airlines, taxis, ride share companies)
- Home-based care and services
- Residential facilities and shelters
- Professional services (legal services, accounting, etc.)
- Manufacturing, distribution and supply chain for critical products and industries
- Critical labor union functions
- Hotels and motels
- Funeral services

People will still be allowed to go to the grocery store to buy food and other essentials. They'll also be allowed to visit restaurants or bars in order to get carryout/drive-thru food; those businesses can continue to offer food delivery services.

According to guidance from the state, Hoosiers whose jobs are considered nonessential should stay home. If your employer designates you as an essential employee, then you should continue to go to work and practice social distancing.

- Hair salons, spas, nail salons, tattoo parlors and barbershops are not considered essential services and have been ordered to close.
- Day cares, on the other hand, are considered essential businesses and will remain open, according to the governor's order.