



State of Vermont

Stay Home, Stay Safe

Essential Persons for Critical Infrastructure Guidance

Pursuant to Governor Phil Scott's Addendum 6 to Executive Order 01-20, the services or functions below are deemed critical to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security.

Entities in these categories may remain in operation in accordance with CDC and VDH guidance to ensure recommended social distancing. Those include, to the extent possible:

- a. Maintaining a distance of 6 feet between persons;
- b. requiring employees to practice appropriate hygiene measures, including regular, thorough handwashing;
- c. Requiring employees who are sick remain home; and
- d. Regularly cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Workers in critical businesses and whom are working out of the home and do not have other options are eligible for child care and may request those services here <https://webportalapp.com/webform/essentialworkers>.

Critical Services and Functions

- Health care operations such as COVID-19 testing and clinical research, hospital personnel and other healthcare providers, public health workers and other healthcare service providers, laboratory services, caregivers, logistics, technology, security and custodial support, blood and plasma donors and mortuary services;
- Law enforcement, public safety and first responders, including fire, ambulance services, emergency medical technicians and emergency management personnel;
- Critical infrastructure including utilities, telecommunication, airports and transportation infrastructure;
- Construction necessary to support the COVID-19 response and maintain critical infrastructure;
- Critical manufacturing, including food and animal feed manufacturing, processing and supply, pharmaceuticals and other manufacturing necessary to support the COVID-19 response as well as economic and national security;

- Retail serving basic human needs such as grocery stores, pharmacies, other retail that sells food, beverage, animal feed and essential supplies, provided, these retail operations shall be conducted through on-line and telephone orders for delivery and curbside pickup to the extent possible;
- Fuel products and supply;
- Hardware stores, provided, these retail operations shall be conducted through online and telephone orders for delivery and curbside pickup to the extent possible;
- Transportation sector and agricultural sector equipment parts, repair and maintenance, provided these retail operations shall be conducted through on-line and telephone orders for delivery and curbside pickup to the extent possible;
- Trash collection and disposal, recycling and operations and maintenance of drinking water and wastewater/drainage infrastructure;
- Agriculture and farms, animal shelters, production and delivery of seed, chemicals and fertilizers, CSAs and veterinarians;
- Lodging, to the extent required to support COVID-19 response, critical infrastructure and national security;
- Other building and property services for the safety, sanitation and operations of residences or other businesses;
- Mail and shipping services;
- News media;
- Banks and related financial institutions, provided, however, routine retail banking operations shall be limited to transactions conducted through automated teller machines, drive-through services and online and telephone services;
- Providers of necessities and services to economically disadvantaged populations;
- Other vendors of technical, security, logistics, custodial and equipment repair and maintenance services necessary to support the COVID-19 response, critical infrastructure and national security.