Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham announced that effective Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. all nonessential businesses must close until April 10, 2020. To see a list of essential services please go to the following website: https://cv.nmhealth.org/travel-recommendations/

A copy of the March 23, 2020 Order is available on the New Mexico Department of Health website at the following Internet link: https://cv.nmhealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/SignedPHO03-24-2019.pdf

As defined in the March 23, 2020 Order, businesses deemed essential that may remain open are:

Health care operations including hospitals, walk-in-care health facilities, emergency veterinary and livestock services, pharmacies, medical wholesale and distribution, home health care workers or aides for the elderly, emergency dental facilities, nursing homes, residential health care facilities, research facilities, congregate care facilities, intermediate care facilities for those with intellectual or developmental disabilities, supportive living homes, home health care providers, and medical supplies and equipment manufacturers and providers.

- Homeless shelters, food banks, and other services providing care to indigent or needy populations.
- Childcare facilities necessary to provide services to those workers employed by essential businesses and essential non-profit entities.
- Grocery stores, all food and beverage stores, supermarkets, food banks, farmers’ markets and vendors who sell food, convenience stores, and other businesses that generate the majority of their revenue from the sale of canned food, dry goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, pet food, feed, and other animal supply stores, fresh meats, fish, and poultry, and any other household consumer products.
• Farms, ranches, and other food cultivation, processing, or packaging operations.
• All facilities used by law enforcement personnel, first responders, firefighters, emergency management personnel, dispatch operators, and court personnel.
• Infrastructure operations including, but not limited to, public works construction; commercial and residential facility construction and maintenance; airport operations; public transportation; airlines; taxis; private transportation providers; water, sewer, trash and recycling collection, processing and disposal; gas; electrical; oil drilling; oil refining; natural resources extraction or mining operations; nuclear material research and enrichment; those attendant to the repair and construction of roads and highways; solid waste collection and removal; processing and disposal; data and internet providers; data centers; and telecommunications systems.
• Manufacturing operations involved in food processing, manufacturing agents, chemicals, fertilizer, pharmaceuticals, sanitary products, household paper products, telecommunications, microelectronics/semi-conductor, primary metals manufacturers, machinery manufacturers, electrical equipment, appliance, and component manufacturers, and transportation equipment manufacturers.
• Services necessary to maintain the safety and sanitation of residences or essential businesses including security services, custodial services, plumbers, electricians, and other skilled trades.
• Media services including television, radio, and newspaper operations.
• Gas stations, automobile repair facilities, and retailers who generate the majority of their revenue from the sale of automobile repair products.
• Hardware stores.
• Laundromats and dry cleaner services.
• Utilities, including their contractors and suppliers, engaged in power generation, fuel supply and transmission, water and wastewater supply.
• Funeral homes, crematoriums and cemeteries.
• Banks, credit unions, insurance providers, payroll services, brokerage services, and investment management firms.
• Real estate services including brokers, title companies, and related services.
• Businesses providing mailing and shipping services, including post office boxes;
• Laboratories and defense and national security-related operations supporting the United States government or a contractor to the United States government;
• Restaurants, but only for delivery or carry out and local breweries or distilleries but only for carry out.
• Professional services, such as legal or accounting services, but only where necessary to assist in compliance with legally mandated activities.
• Logistics and businesses that store, ship or deliver groceries, food, goods or services directly to residences or retailers.

**ON ENFORCEMENT:** The state has ramped up surveillance of businesses to ensure compliance. Violators of the public health order could lose their licenses to operate and face civil or criminal penalties. New Mexicans wishing to report a violation will soon be able to call the non-emergency COVID-19 state hotline, 1-833-551-0518.
ON ILLNESSES AND TESTING: New Mexicans who develop symptoms of COVID-19 infection — fever, cough or shortness of breath — should call their health care provider or the NMDOH COVID-19 hotline immediately (1-855-600-3453). Testing is presently prioritized for those with symptoms. New Mexicans are asked to widely distribute this information about testing and travel guidelines: https://www.governor.state.nm.us/2020/03/18/public-health-advisory-testing-and-travel-guidelines-for-new-mexico

FOR MORE INFORMATION: New Mexicans who have non-health-related questions or concerns can also call 833-551-0518 or visit newmexico.gov, which is being updated as a one-stop source for information.

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