



*City of Taunton
Office of the Mayor*

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A link to regulation regarding prohibited gatherings is available here:

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/march-23-assembly-guidance/download>.

A link to the complete list of essential services is here: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/covid-19-essential-services/download>

A link to the Governor's Order is here: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/march-23-2020-essential-services-and-revised-gatherings-order/download>

Taunton, MA...Today Mayor Shaunna O'Connell announced that Governor Baker has issued an emergency order requiring all non-essential physical workplaces and facilities ("brick and mortar premises") to remain closed to workers, customers and the public from 12:00 noon on March 24, 2020, at least through 12:00 noon on April 7, 2020.

"As our Emergency Task Force Team was making our own preparations this morning for the closure of certain businesses in our community, the Governor announced this new order. It is vital to the health and well-being of our entire community that people comply with these new directives," O'Connell said.

The new order also advises individuals to stay home and limit all unnecessary activities.

"I know these are trying times for everyone. The response of our community has been calm, patient, and understanding. Consider making a call to someone who cannot get out for their own essential needs or who may be feeling lonely and isolated," added O'Connell.

Additionally, the Governor's order prohibits certain gatherings of more than 10 people. There are limitations and exceptions regarding the prohibition on gatherings of more than 10 people. The complete regulation regarding prohibited gatherings is available here: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/march-23-assembly-guidance/download>.

Essential services such as grocery stores, pharmacies, hospitals, healthcare facilities, gas stations, public transit, restaurants that offer takeout and delivery, police departments, and other essential operations will remain open while the advisory is in effect.

The list of essential services includes numerous professions and businesses in the areas of:

- Health Care, Public Health, Human Services
- Law Enforcement, Public Safety, First Responders

- Food and Agriculture
- Energy, including electric, water, sewer, gas and other utilities
- Transportation, Logistics, Mass Transit
- Public Works
- Communications and Information Technology
- Government Operations and other Community-Based Essential Functions
- Financial Services

The above is not the complete list of essential services. The complete list should be consulted to determine whether a specific business or service is essential. A link to the complete list of essential services, which are presently allowed to remain open, is available here: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/covid-19-essential-services/download>

If you have any questions please call Governor's office at 617-725-4005 or e-mail to covid19.biz@mass.gov. You can also contact MEMA Emergency Operations Center at 508-820-2094 between hours 8 am to 4 pm Monday to Friday.

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