

Stay-At-Home Q & A

1. When does the Stay at Home Order go into effect?

The Gasconade County Stay at Home Order goes into effect at 5:00 p.m. on March 31, 2020 and will continue to be in effect until 8:00 a.m. on April 16, 2020, or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by further order.

2. Why was the Stay at Home Order issued?

This order was issued to protect the health and safety of all residents, with the goal of limiting the continued spread of COVID-19 in our community.

3. What does the Stay at Home Order require?

The Stay at Home Order required residents to stay home unless they are engaged in one of the essential activities specified in the order. Essential activities, as defined in the order, which are specifically related to health and safety, the procurement of necessary supplies and services, for outdoor activity, for certain types of work and to care for others. When engaging in any outdoor activity, individuals must comply with Physical Distancing Requirements.

4. How do the Gasconade County Health Department orders apply to hotels with restaurants inside of them? Especially with extended stay residents?

Hotels can still operate. The restaurants can still provide food services. Dine-in service at on-site restaurants and bars is not permitted.

5. How do the Gasconade County health Department orders apply to grocery stores with seating and deli's, etc.?

Grocery stores can provide food services. No dine-in service is allowed.

6. Can mobile food units and temporary food events still operate?

Yes. Mobile food units and temporary food events may provide curbside, drive-through, takeout, and delivery food and beverage services. Congregate seating is not allowed, and Physical Distancing Requirements must be met.

7. How do the Gasconade County Health Department orders apply to gas stations with food services?

Gas stations can provide food services. No dine-in service is allowed.

8. What does "Self-Quarantine" mean?

Self-Quarantine means to separate and restrict the movement of people who were exposed to a contagious disease to see if they become sick. These individuals should avoid contact with any other individual and have their own bedroom and bathroom, away from others.

9. Do businesses and/or employees need formal certification or identification that they qualify as an essential business and/or are employed at an essential business?

No.

10. Are gyms and workout facilities classified as essential?

No, gyms and workout facilities are not classified as essential. Individuals can engage in outdoor activity that included walking, hiking, running, or biking. Physical distancing requirements must be met.

11. Are businesses that perform construction or landscaping services classified as essential?

Yes. Physical distancing requirements must be met.

12. What am I allowed to do if my business is classified as non-essential?

All non-essential businesses or operations are allowed to perform Minimum Basic Operations. Minimum Basic Operations are defined as, all businesses are allowed to maintain the value of inventory and infrastructure, provide security, process payroll or employee benefits, or facilitate employees working remotely. For clarity, businesses may also continue operations consisting remotely. For clarity, businesses may also continue operations consisting exclusively of employees or contractors performing activities at their own residences (i.e., working from home). Physical distancing requirements must be met.

13. Do I have to stay inside my home or place of residence while the Stay at Home Order is in effect?

No. You can engage in outdoor activities that include walking, hiking, running, biking, and yard work. Physical distancing requirements must be met.

14. Are laundromats classified as an essential business?

Yes. Laundromats, dry cleaners, and laundry service providers are classified as essential. Physical distancing requirements must be met.

15. Are funeral homes classified as an essential business?

Yes. Funeral homes, crematoriums, cremation, burial, mortuary services, and cemeteries are classified as essential. Physical distancing requirements must be met.

16. Can a gun shop stay open during the stay at home order?

Yes. Essential business are businesses that engage in food cultivation, including farming, livestock, hunting and fishing. (Page 6, sentence 5.)

17. If you travel outside the county for non-essential work purposes is it ok if that county does not have an essential work only order in place?

Yes. Essential travel is allowed to place of residence from outside the jurisdiction. (Page 10, sentence 4.)

18. Does my business qualify as an essential business as defined in the Stay at Home Order?

Major categories of essential businesses defined in the order include:

- Health care (doctors, dentists, nurses, hospitals, pharmacies, medical research facilities, blood donation services, labs, etc.);
- Food and drink production and distribution (including grocery stores, markets, restaurants that offer food for pick-up or delivery, liquor stores);
- Sanitation (including laundromats, dry cleaners, household and business cleaning services and supply stores);
- Transportation (including railroads, airports, public transit, taxis and other private transportation providers, and gas stations);
- Financial services (including banks, insurance providers, and professional services required to comply with legal and regulatory requirements)'
- Manufacturing and distribution of supplies and materials for essential businesses (including trucking and other supply chain support functions);
- Maintenance and construction of infrastructure and households;
- Child care;
- Essential Government Functions;
- Residential Facilities (including hotels and motels);
- Media and Communication Providers; and
- Mailing, shipping and delivery services.

To the greatest extent feasible, Essential Business and Operations shall comply with physical distancing requirements.