



# Municipality of Anchorage

Ethan Berkowitz, Mayor

**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE  
PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY  
“HUNKER DOWN” ORDER  
EO-03-V2  
UPDATED AND REISSUED 4/14/2020**

ISSUED BY THE MAYOR OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE PURSUANT TO ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 3.80.060H.

The COVID-19 pandemic has generated a public health emergency that threatens to overwhelm our health system, endangering the lives and wellbeing of the people of Anchorage. We can take steps to slow and hopefully contain the threat, but those steps require coordinated community action. This order is put forward to preserve the health and safety of our community while ensuring that vital goods and services continue to be available.

I HEREBY ORDER THE FOLLOWING EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO PRESERVE LIFE IN AND ADJACENT TO THE MUNICIPALITY. THE FOLLOWING EMERGENCY REGULATIONS BEGIN AT 10:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2020 AND REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL 11:59 P.M. ON TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2020.

1. Everyone currently in the Municipality of Anchorage (the “Municipality”) shall stay at home as much as possible, except to work in certain critical jobs, listed below; to buy, sell, or deliver groceries or other important goods; to receive or provide health care; and to get fresh air without contacting others. Home may include a residence, a temporary residence, or a shelter. On the limited occasions when individuals leave home, they should maintain physical distancing of at least six feet from any person outside their household whenever possible. Individuals are also strongly encouraged to practice recommended hygiene, including wearing a cloth face-covering or mask whenever in public and regular hand washing.
2. It is strongly recommended, in accordance with Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidance, that certain individuals within the Municipality should take even greater precaution. Anyone particularly at-risk from COVID-19 should reduce exposure by staying at home, not physically going to work, and not doing their own shopping if possible. People particularly at risk of complications from COVID-19 include those 60 years and older and individuals of any age with a serious underlying medical condition. Household members of those who are at elevated risk should implement these more stringent guidelines as well, to the extent possible.
3. Individuals likely to be contagious with COVID-19 are required to reduce contact with others even further.
  - a. People who are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 (including the following symptoms when not attributable to other known causes: coughing, shortness of breath, and fever) shall stay home except to seek medical care. Businesses shall not knowingly permit symptomatic employees or others likely to be contagious with COVID-19 to work outside the home.



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- b. Individuals who have recently travelled outside Alaska are required, in accordance with the State Health Mandate 10.1, to self-quarantine for fourteen days.
  - c. Household members of those who are possibly contagious should exercise physical distancing and enhanced hygiene within the home, and refrain from leaving the home to the extent possible.
4. Some businesses and entities serve critical roles that are necessary to combat this public health emergency or provide critical community functions and cannot be put on hold while we address the emergency. These businesses and entities may remain open. While open, those businesses and entities should permit remote work where feasible and comply with physical distancing guidelines as much as possible by maintaining six-foot social distancing for employees and for members of the public, including when any customers are standing in line. Businesses must allow and shall strongly encourage employees to wear cloth face-coverings or masks when around the public or in close proximity to other employees. A list of businesses defined as critical is listed below at paragraph number six.
  5. All other businesses and entities in the Municipality must close their premises; however, businesses and entities may continue to utilize telecommuting or work from home procedures. Assuming proper physical distancing measures can be accomplished, up to two people may be inside a non-critical business that is closed to the public for the purposes of essential upkeep, site maintenance, performing payroll, or facilitating remote business operations or online order fulfillment through email or physical mail. Non-critical businesses may not operate via a curbside or delivery service model at this time.
  6. To qualify as a critical business (to include non-profit and other entities), an entity's operation must primarily consist of one or more of the following:
    - a. "Healthcare Operations" including hospitals, clinics, dentists, pharmacies, other healthcare facilities, home healthcare services providers, mental health providers, companies and institutions involved in the research and development, manufacture, distribution, warehousing, and supplying of pharmaceuticals, biotechnology therapies, consumer health products, medical devices, diagnostics, equipment, services, or any related and/or ancillary healthcare services. "Healthcare Operations" also includes veterinary care and healthcare services provided to animals. "Healthcare Operations" does not include fitness and exercise gyms and similar facilities.
    - b. **B**usinesses providing any services or performing any work necessary to the operations and maintenance of "Critical Infrastructure," including, but not limited to, the Port of Alaska, public works construction, construction of housing, airport operations, water, sewer, gas, electrical, oil production, roads and highways, trucking and shipping companies, public transportation, solid waste collection and removal, internet, and telecommunications systems;
    - c. First responders, emergency management personnel, emergency dispatchers, court personnel, and law enforcement personnel;



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- d. Critical Government Functions, meaning all services needed to ensure the continuing operation of the government agencies and provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the public. Federal and State of Alaska employees should follow direction of their employer regarding whether and where to report to work;
- e. Defense and national security-related operations supporting the U.S. Government or a contractor to the U.S. government;
- f. Grocery stores, supermarkets, food banks, marijuana dispensaries, convenience stores, farmer's markets, and other establishments engaged in the retail sale of food, beverages, or other household consumer products (such as cleaning and personal care products, pet food and pet supplies). This includes stores that sell groceries and also sell other non-grocery products, as well as stores that sell products necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and operation of residences;
- g. Food cultivation, including fishing, hunting, farming, and livestock;
- h. Businesses that provide food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged, unsheltered, or otherwise vulnerable individuals;
- i. Newspapers, television, radio, and other media services;
- j. Gas stations and auto-supply, auto-repair, towing companies, and related facilities;
- k. Banks, mortgage companies, insurance companies, and related financial institutions;
- l. Hardware stores;
- m. Plumbers, electricians, exterminators, landscapers, and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and operation of residences and critical businesses;
- n. Businesses providing mailing and shipping services;
- o. Educational institutions for purposes of facilitating distance learning;
- p. Laundromats, dry cleaners, and laundry service providers;
- q. Restaurants, bars, breweries, food trucks, and other facilities that prepare and serve food and beverages, but only for delivery or carry out under the restrictions laid out in the Mayor's Emergency Order E0-01 and applicable State mandates;



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- r. Businesses that supply products needed for people to work from home;
- s. Businesses that supply other critical businesses with the support or supplies necessary to operate;
- t. Businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food, goods or services directly to residences;
- u. Businesses that provide transportation services of passengers or goods, including the Alaska Railroad;
- v. Home-based care for seniors, adults, or children;
- w. Hotels, residential facilities and shelters for seniors, adults, and children;
- x. Professional services, such as legal or accounting services, when necessary to assist critical businesses, to assist clients in fulfilling urgent legal mandates or legal needs which cannot wait until the hunker down order is lifted, to prepare for and attend to court hearings and court deadlines, and to practice trust and estates law. Attorneys and other professional service providers are required to work remotely if possible;
- y. Childcare facilities, subject to new recommendations for increased hygiene and social distancing. Childcare facilities should be used only by those who need childcare to work at a critical job.
- z. Sewing, quilting, and fabric stores may be open for curbside pick-up and delivery.

If your business is not listed above, but you believe that it is critical or it is an entity providing critical services or functions, you may request an opinion from the Mayor that your business should be designated a critical business. Any critical designation received from the Mayor prior to the date of this order remains in effect.

DATED this 14th day of April, 2020.

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