

What's Still Open in NC?



North Carolina Governor Cooper's "stay-at-home" order went into effect on March 30, 2020, and will go until April 29, 2020. However, this may be extended as necessary. "Essential" businesses under the order may stay open, but with modified operations. "Non-essential" businesses must temporarily close down.

With such unprecedented times, it's all understandably confusing, so we list what the North Carolina stay-at-home order considers "essential" during the COVID-19 pandemic:



GROCERY STORES

Only go *when necessary*, and practice social distancing when shopping.



MEDICINE

You can still pick up prescriptions at your pharmacy and visit your doctor's office, but "telemedicine" is strongly encouraged for non-emergency health concerns.

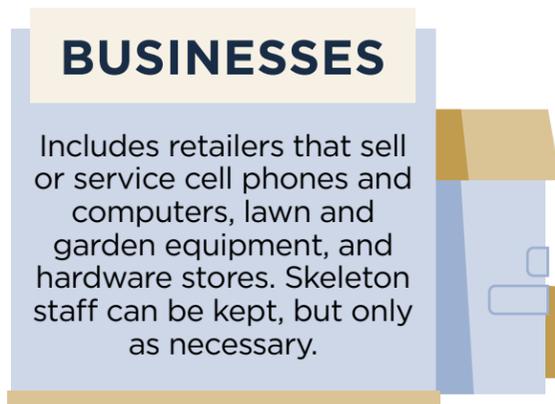


RESTAURANTS

Only for online, take-out, drive-through, and delivery orders.

TRANSPORTATION

Includes gas stations, auto and bike repair/supply stores, airports, buses, taxis, and other rideshare services, as well as dealerships.



BUSINESSES

Includes retailers that sell or service cell phones and computers, lawn and garden equipment, and hardware stores. Skeleton staff can be kept, but only as necessary.



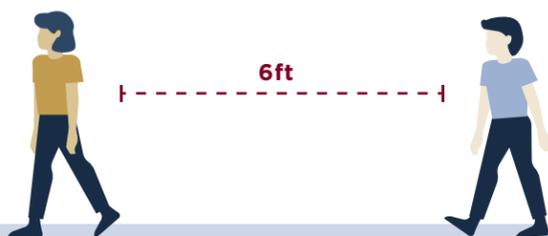
PETS

Veterinarian services are allowed to continue operations, but not groomers, pet-sitters, or boarders.



PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Legal, accounting, and insurance services, but all should provide service by phone or web when possible. Real estate service is limited to appraisal and title services.



RECREATION

Walking, hiking, and running are encouraged, but with at least 6 feet of distance from others.



ABC STORES

Open as an exempt government office.



HUMAN SERVICES

Childcare, long-term care, and residential facilities for those requiring special care can all operate, but with restrictions.



PUBLIC SERVICES

Banks, mail and shipping, laundry, agriculture, food and retail delivery, hotels, funeral services, construction, supply chain and logistics, sanitation, and communication services are all considered essential.

Am I Considered an Essential Business in North Carolina?

The list above is not a complete list, but hopefully provides you with an idea of what businesses can stay open during the stay-at-home order. If you do not see your business in the list above, we encourage you to read Governor Cooper's order in its entirety.

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