



SHELTER IN PLACE REQUIREMENTS FROM EXECUTIVE ORDERS ISSUED BY GOVERNOR BRIAN KEMP

All residents and visitors in Georgia must practice social distancing and sanitation protocols in accordance with Executive Orders issued by Governor Brian Kemp and CDC guidelines until April 30, 2020 unless the Governor extends them. Violation of the Governor's Executive Orders is a misdemeanor punishable by a \$1,000 fine and/or up to one year imprisonment.

PEOPLE ARE REQUIRED TO STAY AT THEIR HOME OR RESIDENCE.

People are required to Shelter in Place in their homes. This means that everyone must remain in their homes unless they fall into one of four narrow exceptions: 1) are leaving home for essential services; 2) are a member of the critical/essential workforce; 3) are conducting necessary work activities for a job NOT involving critical infrastructure; or 4) are outdoor professionals.

Additionally, everyone in Georgia is required to take every possible precaution to limit social interaction to prevent the spread or infection of COVID-19 to themselves or others.

PEOPLE ARE NOT ALLOWED TO HAVE VISITORS IN THEIR HOME OR VISIT OTHERS.

People are not allowed to have visitors in their home or visit the home of others. The only instances that an individual may leave their home to visit another or that an individual may receive a visitor at their home are listed below:

1. Visitors providing medical, behavior health or emergency services, or medical supplies or medication, including home hospice.
2. Visitors providing support for the resident to conduct activities of daily living or instrumental activities of daily living.
3. Visitors providing necessary supplies and services such as food and supplies for household consumption, supplies, and equipment needed to work from home, and products to maintain safety, sanitation, and essential maintenance of the home or residence.

To the extent possible, visitors must maintain a minimum distance of six feet from the occupants of the home or residence. If visitors are delivering supplies, they must do so, to the extent feasible, without in person contact or without entering a home or residence.

According to the CDC, even small gatherings in the home of a friend or neighbor must be avoided. This includes teens and young adults. Additionally, children should not have in-person playdates. To maintain social connections while social distancing the CDC offers [tips to keep children healthy while school is out](#).

Neighborhood cookouts, progressives, picnics involving more than the people who live in the same home, block parties, etc., should not be occurring during the shelter in place order.

PEOPLE MAY LEAVE HOME FOR ESSENTIAL SERVICES, BUT THESE ARE NARROWLY DEFINED.

Leaving Home for Essential Services. People can leave their home for “Essential Services,” listed below. Travel to and from Essential Services is considered Necessary Travel and is allowed. When a person leaves their home for Essential Services, they must observe as much social distancing as possible when interacting with people that do not reside in the same home. The CDC offers several tips on [running essential errands](#).

Getting Necessary Supplies and Services. Individuals may leave their home to get *necessary* supplies and services for family or people living in the home. However, the preference is that they obtain these supplies and services through online ordering, home delivery, and curbside pickup where possible and *not* through instore shopping.

Conduct while Engaging in Essential Services. Businesses, establishments, and local government facilities are not allowed to let individuals stand or sit within 6 feet of others (except for the people who live in the same home). Individuals waiting outside of stores or government facilities should still observe social distancing and stand no closer than six feet from anyone who does not live in the same home. [Cloth face coverings](#) should be worn by most adults and children over two years old while in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain such as in businesses, establishments, and local government facilities. The CDC has additional guidance for [questions](#) regarding use of cloth face coverings.

You should not leave your home to purchase supplies and services not on the list below.

Examples of Necessary Supplies include:

1. Food for household consumption.
2. Supplies for household consumption.
3. Medical supplies or medicine.
4. Supplies and equipment needed to work from home.
5. Products needed to maintain safety, sanitation, and essential maintenance of the home.

You should not leave your home to engage in activities or obtain services not on the list below.

Essential Services are activities essential for health and safety of the family or household members and include:

1. Medical services.
2. Behavioral health services.
3. Emergency services.
4. Transport, visitation, and regular care of family members and those dependent upon others for services, such as elderly, children, and disabled.
5. Any and all activities that may preserve the health and welfare of persons in Georgia.
6. Outdoor exercise activities while maintaining a distance of six feet from people who do not occupy the same home. The CDC offers [guidance on visiting parks and recreational areas](#), which includes recommendations on using parks close to home, as well as avoiding playgrounds and crowded parks. Travelling any distance to parks may necessitate the need to stop for food, gas, etc., and contributes to the spread of COVID-19. In particular, please do not go from a “hot zone” to an area perceived to be less infected. Conversely, please do not go from an area perceived to be less infected to a “hot zone.”
7. Children obtaining public internet access to fulfill educational obligations. Public Wi-Fi in Georgia may be found through the [Department of Community Affairs’ Broadband Deployment Initiative](#). Additionally, the Georgia Public Library Service has published a list of [Library Resources You Can Use Everywhere](#).
8. Other guidance on Essential Services as offered by the Office of the Governor through communication, including social media, without the need for further Executive Action.

EXCEPTIONS TO LEAVE THE HOME FOR WORK

People may leave home for work based on the following guidance.

Working a Job Involving Critical Infrastructure. Employees whose jobs are considered part of Critical Infrastructure may leave home to travel to and from work, as well as while performing work.

Jobs involving Critical Infrastructure includes those businesses, organizations, and jobs designated as [Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce](#) by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity Infrastructure Security Agency (March 19, 2020 and revised on March 28, 2020), as well as suppliers that provide essential goods and services to Critical Infrastructure Workforce, legal services, other businesses as determined by the [Georgia Department of Economic Development](#), home hospice, and nonprofit organizations that provide food distribution, health services, or mental health services.

Necessary Activities for a Job NOT involving Critical Infrastructure. Employees who work in jobs where the business is still open but not considered Critical Infrastructure may leave their home as necessary to perform Minimum Basic Operations for their employer or business and to do the things necessary to telework.

Minimum Basic Operations. If an individual's job is not part of Critical Infrastructure (see above) and it is not on the list of businesses required to be closed, then an individual may leave his or her home to perform Minimum Basic Operations related to his or her job. Minimum Basic Operations include activities required to maintain the value of a business, manage inventory, ensure security, process payroll and employee benefits, and related functions.

Working or Serving Remotely. To the extent possible, jobs that are not involving Critical Infrastructure and not closed by the Executive Order are encouraged to allow employees to work remotely or allow customers to participate remotely. For those non-Critical Infrastructure businesses still permitted to be open, minimum necessary activities to allow people to work from home (i.e., travel to or from work to obtain supplies to telework) or to allow customers to participate remotely are permitted.

Outdoor Professions. Individuals who perform work outside that does not involve regular contact with other people, such as delivery services, contractors, landscape businesses, and agricultural industry services, may leave their homes to travel to and from work and to perform work. To the extent possible, individuals who work outside must maintain a minimum distance of six feet from the occupants of the home or residence. If delivering supplies, they must do so, to the extent feasible, without in-person contact or without entering a home or residence.

Employees who work for businesses closed by the Shelter in Place Order are not allowed to leave their home to work. Closed businesses include gyms, fitness centers, bowling alleys, theaters, live performance venues, operators of amusement rides, body art studios, beauty/barber shops and related schools, estheticians, hair designers, massage therapists, and bars.

NECESSARY TRAVEL

Necessary Travel is that travel that is required to conduct or participate in Essential Services, Minimum Basic Operations, and Critical Infrastructure listed above. Necessary Travel DOES NOT include travelling to go on vacation. Furthermore, vacation rentals are not allowed to accept any new rentals for vacation or residential purposes (other than for a primary place of residence) other than those already paid before 12:00 a.m. on April 9, 2020. This does not include hotels, extended stay hotels, campgrounds, "or commercial transactions."

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