What does the Stay at Home Executive Order mean for you?

How does this executive order affect my company? Am I considered an essential employee? The Grand Rapids Chamber is here to provide clarity to our members on how the Stay at Home Executive Order issued by Governor Whitmer effects your business. See below an overview of the Executive Order and resources available to help your business navigate these difficult times.

Governor Whitmer issued Executive Order 2020-21 that directs residents to remain at home or in their place of residence to the maximum extent feasible. This order took effect March 24 at 12:01am and continues through April 13 at 11:59pm.

Critical infrastructure workers may continue in-person operations.

Critical Infrastructure Workers include:

- Health care and public health
- Law enforcement, public safety and first responders
- Food and agriculture
- Energy
- Water and wastewater
- Transportation and logistics
- Public works
- Communications and information technology, including news media
- Other community-based government operations and essential functions
- Critical manufacturing
- Hazardous materials
- Financial services
- Chemical supply chains and safety
- Defense industrial base
- Suppliers and distributors to businesses who employ critical infrastructure workers

Under this order, business can undergo minimum basic operations. Minimum Basic Operations include:

- Maintain the value of inventory or equipment
- Care for animals
- Ensure security
- Process transactions
- Facilitate the ability of other workers to work remotely

Additionally, the Governor’s office has rolled out a couple resources that businesses can utilize:

- Stay at Home Order FAQ website
- Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity email: LEO-Coronavirus@michigan.gov

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