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In an effort match the all the language we've been putting out, we have changed the county's travel status to a Watch Level (Orange).

Watch (Orange)

Means that conditions are threatening to the safety of the public. During a "watch" local travel advisory, only essential travel, such as to and from work or in emergency situations, is recommended, and emergency action plans should be implemented by businesses, schools, government agencies, and other organizations.

Please see the new Shopper and Store Guidelines released from Bartholomew County Health Department. There are posted in their separate link and on the Emergency Management Facebook page.

Governor's Executive Order 20-18 "Stay-At-Home" is in effect from 11:59 p.m. April 20 through 11:59 p.m. May 1.

On March 29, President Trump extended the Social Distancing guidelines through April 30.

COVID-19 Resource Call Center 812-379-4449 – Anyone with concerns about symptoms of COVID-19 or exposure should contact the Resource Call Center BEFORE seeking medical attention. Those experiencing a medical emergency should call 911.

CRH Cough/Cold Clinic Locations:

- ***Prompt Med on 25 St. located between Eastbrook Plaza and Fair Oaks Mall.***
- ***Second Cough/Cold Clinic located at 10th St. and Marr Rd.***

New Updates:

Local officials confirmed as of Wednesday (April 29) that there are two hundred and forty-one (241) confirmed cases of the COVID-19 virus in Bartholomew County.

There are a cumulative seventeen thousand one hundred and eighty-two (17,182) confirmed cases in Indiana and nine hundred and sixty-four (964) deaths within the state (twelve (12) of those residents of Bartholomew County). There have been a total of eighty-seven thousand one hundred and eighty-one (87,181) total tests conducted within the state. We have limited the number of reporting cases to this site to those counties surrounding Bartholomew due to the number of increasing cases and counties effected. To view a full list on the ISDH map, click on the following link. This information is updated every day at 10:00 a.m. <https://www.in.gov/coronavirus/>

Bartholomew (241)

Brown (15)

Decatur (199)

Jackson (128)

Jennings (74)

Johnson (563)

Shelby (194)

Monroe (122)

In an effort to keep our community safe by following recommended response guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and the Indiana State Health Department, the city of Columbus and Bartholomew County are recommending a more stringent proactive response to the COVID-19 virus.

- Our community's strongest defense is social distancing. It is important for community members to avoid gatherings, especially of moderate or large groups in public places.
- Current recommendations from the CDC are that for the next eight weeks, organizers cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 people or more throughout the U.S.
- Therefore, based on these recommendations and proven preventative measures, the city and county strongly recommend that organizations and businesses consider canceling or postponing gatherings of 50 people or more.
- Please keep in mind that the 50 is an estimate, designed to limit the risk of transmitting the virus. If an organization has within its group a larger representation of people with risk factors (over age 60, or heart, respiratory or auto-immune issues) the limit should be less than 50.
- Organizations should consider moving interactions to ways of connecting through phone or digital means.
- We also recommend the closing of any indoor public places and encourage restaurants and bars to convert to take-out or drive-thru or delivery options. Per Governor Holcomb, all bars and restaurants in Indiana are to close through the end of March. Drive through and carry out service are still allowable.

It is imperative that we, as a community, take whatever measures possible to prevent further spread of the COVID-19 virus. We realize that these actions pose an inconvenience to many businesses and members of our community. Difficult decisions such as this are taken with the utmost care and concern for our citizens and for our health care system as it continues to prioritize care and medical resources to best handle this situation.

Recommendations:

Under the direction of Dr. Brian Niedbalski, Bartholomew County Public Health Officer, and Columbus Regional Health, we are preparing to respond quickly to any emerging situation, leveraging the considerable insights gained from observations of other communities across the nation. This is a proactive measure to act early and assertively in an effort to reduce not only the number of potential cases of COVID-19 our communities see, but to also significantly reduce the flow and mitigate as much as possible a swell of cases occurring in our area.

The COVID -19 Task Force is collectively recommending the following actions, effective immediately for our community:

- Non-essential gatherings must be limited to no more than 10 people. This includes any event or gathering of people who are in one room or a single space at the same time, such as cafeterias, churches, stadiums, meeting and conference rooms, auditoriums and the like. This guidance applies to professional, social, community and similar other gatherings from now through Saturday, April 4.
- Based on the COVID-19 Community Task Force's recommendations: - BCSC (Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation) will suspend all school-related activities beginning Monday, March 16. -Schools will be closed and eLearning days utilized from Monday, March 23 through Friday, April 3. We will provide updated specifics on our school closure by Wednesday, March 18.
- Child care and adult day care facilities should institute social distancing and minimize large gatherings. Temporary suspension of operations should be done in consultation with the Family and Social Services and ISDH in the instance of documented community spread.
- Individuals over 60 years of age or those with a known underlying health issue such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes or chronic respiratory disease should limit public exposure. Whenever possible, friends and family should arrange to provide food and other essential items.
- Those who run senior centers and congregate meal services should consider suspending congregate meal services and arrange for home delivery.
- Business should consider utilizing telework policies, if available.

Closures/Cancellations:

City services

Fixed transit routes for the city's bus system are no longer running. The city will continue to offer Call-A-Bus services for people with medical needs.

Animal Care Services offices are closed but individuals may make appointments. Animal Care officers will respond to emergency situations and the city's sheltered animals will be cared for.

The City Utilities office will continue to accept payments through the drive-in window, but the lobby is closed.

All park department buildings will be closed to the public, but staff is available by email and by phone. All outdoor playgrounds are closed.

Columbus City Hall will remain open but with limited staff. The public should email or phone prior to coming into the building if possible.

County services

Bartholomew County has closed all access to county buildings, with only county employees being allowed inside until further notice. County employees will return to work on May 4th for normal hours however, county office buildings will remain closed to the public until at least May 8. Commissioners will monitor the Governor's recommendations and adjust accordingly.

Ginny Whipple, Bartholomew County assessor, announced rules for submitting personal property forms. Whipple said the forms will only be accepted by mail, email, telephone or by appointment, she said. If there are no changes from last year, the easiest way to file is over the phone, she said. Business and Farm Personal Property Forms are due in the office or postmarked by May 15. Forms may be obtained at in.gov/dlgf/4971.htm or by emailing lotte@bartholomew.in.gov. Call 812-379-1505 to have forms mailed.

All Bartholomew County parks are closed until at least May 4.

Bartholomew County Council meetings in April have been canceled.

Township services

Columbus Township Trustee's office is closed as all staff will be working remotely. Anyone needing assistance should call the office at 812-372-8249 and leave a message.

Facilities

Indiana Family and Social Services Administration will close its Division of Family Resources offices to the public. Online and telephone services will continue to operate as normal. Visit the FSSA benefits portal — fssabenefits.in.gov.

All local Social Security offices will be closed to the public for in-person service. Online services remain available at socialsecurity.gov. To learn about online services, visit socialsecurity.gov/onlineservices.

FairOaks Mall is closed. This includes mall walking.

The Bartholomew County Historical Society museum, 524 Third St., is closed until April 7. We will still be available for research and other questions by calling 812-372-3541. Visit bartholomewhistory.org.

Sans Souci and its donation center are closed.

Columbus Skateland is closed.

YES Cinema is closed.

Just Friends Adult Day Services in Columbus is closed.

Bartholomew County Public Library and Hope Branch Library and the bookmobile are now closed until at least April 6.

The Indiana Department of Corrections has suspended all visitation at all prison facilities in Indiana.

The Bartholomew County Jail has suspended all visitation.

The Atterbury-Bakalar Air Museum at 4742 Ray Boll Blvd. is closed.

kidscommons is closed.

Thrive Alliance announces is closed and 12454 Youth Camp Facilities through April 5.

The ASAP Hub is closed. Call 812-418-8705 for more information.

The Columbus Area Visitors Center will be closed to Monday, April 6. All architecture tours and public gatherings at the Visitors Center during this period are postponed or canceled. Visitors Center staff will continue to support the tourism industry by working remotely.

Mill Race Center (all senior programs and services).

City parks

Columbus is closing the following facilities to the public until May 1:

The Commons

Donner Center

Hamilton Community Center and Ice Arena

Columbus Gymnastics Center

Park Operations Service Center

Lincoln Park — Softball Diamonds

Clifty Park — Softball and Baseball Diamonds

Blackwell Park — Soccer Fields

Rocky Ford Par 3 Golf Course

Donner Park Tennis Courts

Donner Park Pickleball Courts

Harrison Ridge Tennis

Lincoln Tennis

Richards Pickleball Court

Medical

Columbus Regional Hospital has canceled all elective, non-urgent surgeries and procedures. Patients with scheduled surgeries or procedures should contact their physician's offices.

Our Hospice of South Central Indiana has initiated screenings for anyone entering the center, including staff, guests and visitors.

The bereavement groups meeting as Beginning Again have been temporarily suspended. Those needed help should call 812-314-8044 or email ccampbell@crh.org.

All upcoming in-person information sessions at Southern Indiana Surgery, 2325 18th St., Suite 220 in Columbus, are postponed. However, online sessions are still available for those interested in surgical and non-surgical options for weight loss. Any interested candidates can access those sessions at columbusbariatrics.com/online-info-session.

Churches

Columbus First Assembly is closed. Services and current information can be viewed on Facebook at facebook.com/columbusfirstassembly/ every Sunday at 10 a.m.

Salvation Army Corp. community centers across Indiana, and in Columbus, are closed. Food pantries serving clients are loading boxes directly into vehicles at drive-thrus in parking lots. For more information, visit SalvationArmyIndiana.org.

First Presbyterian Church has canceled all in-person gatherings, including worship and the office is closed. For more information, call (812) 372-3783. Streaming of worship services is available at facebook.com/groups/56933406910/ each Sunday.

Petersville United Methodist Church is closed.

First Christian Church is closed.

First Baptist Church in Columbus is closed, but will offer a live stream worship at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays.

East Columbus Christian Church is canceling services and activities until April 12. Weekly sermons may be viewed at eastccc.net at 10 a.m. each Sunday

East Columbus United Methodist Church services and Bible studies are canceled.

Hope Community Church is canceling the free breakfast and Easter egg hunt April 11.

Catholic Masses throughout Indiana are canceled.

North Christian Church has closed.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, all in-person activities at the church are suspended until further notice with Sunday and Wednesday services offered on ZOOM (check website for login: stpaulscolumbusin.org).

Unitarian Universalist Church is closed.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church has canceled services.

Garden City Church of Christ is canceling services until April 5. Weekly sermons are at gardencitychurch.com or on the church Facebook page.

First Lutheran Church in Columbus is closed until at least April 4.

Flintwood Wesleyan Church is canceling all in-person services and activities through April 5th. A Livestream worship service will be available Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. via the church's Facebook page and YouTube channel.

Fairlawn Presbyterian Church's weekly worship service will be at 9:30 a.m. Sunday via Zoom or Facebook page. Visit fairlawnpc.net, email office@fairlawnpc.net or call 812-372-3882.

Events

The Bartholomew County Sheriff's Youth Academy has been canceled.

The Broadway Memories event scheduled for April 26 is being rescheduled for the fall.

Columbus Fellowship Club on Jonesville Road has canceled all meetings.

The United Way's annual meeting originally scheduled April 7 has been postponed to 4 p.m. June 15 at The Commons.

The Harlequin Theatre: Dave Dugan comedy show April 4 and the Banister Family Bluegrass Band concert April 18 are canceled.

The Wounded Warriors benefit concert Friday at The Commons has been rescheduled to Oct. 24.

Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce annual meeting scheduled for March 25 is postponed.

Comic-Con scheduled for the Columbus Learning Center April 2 is canceled.

The J. Irwin Miller Architecture Program has canceled lectures on April 2, 16 and 23 that were part of the Miller M.Arch series. Also canceled are the Doreen McCarthy guest lecture on April 7 and Polysemy (Doreen McCarthy Exhibition) on April 9.

Feminism Club and IUPUC Office for Women event "Feminist Ethics in Roller Derby" March 31 at the Columbus Learning Center at 4555 Central Ave. is postponed.

Columbus Area Arts Council programs through April 12 are canceled.

HPW Wrestling at the Bartholomew County Fairgrounds is canceled on April 4.

Brown County Music Center has rescheduled shows for Warrant for June 5, Kenny G for Oct. 1, Carrot Top for Dec. 9, The Price is Right for July 23, Gordon Lightfoot for July 24, Christopher Cross for Aug. 12, Michael Bolton for Aug. 16, and LeAnn Rimes for Aug. 21, shows to be rescheduled are for Willie Nelson, Martina McBride, and Melissa Etheridge.

Athletics

2020 North/South Indiana All-Star Classic on April 5 has been postponed.

All Indianapolis Indians games are postponed and all other events scheduled at Victory Field are canceled.

The NCAA Men's and Women's 2020 basketball tournament is canceled.

The IHSAA boys basketball tournament series is canceled.

Schools

Please note: On Thursday, Gov. Eric Holcomb ordered all Indiana schools to be closed until May 1.

Columbus Christian School has sent information about e-Learning days be sent to staff and families. All school-related events and activities are canceled until school is in session.

Bartholomew Consolidated School Corp. is closed and eLearning days have begun. A scheduled BCSC Strategic Planning Session on Friday has been canceled.

Flat Rock-Hawcreek schools are using eLearning beginning Wednesday.

Edinburgh School Corp. will close schools, using state waiver days until March 27. E-learning will begin March 30.

Ivy Tech Community College announced that it will extend the delivery of courses virtually through the remainder of the current semester. Check ivytech.edu/covid-19 to find answers to frequently asked questions.

Indiana University has announced that it is extending remote learning through the end of the spring semester due to the coronavirus epidemic. Remote instruction begins March 30.

Purdue University has announced classes will be delivered by remote instruction for the remainder of the spring 2020 semester.

Utilities

Eastern Bartholomew Water Corp.'s annual meeting on April 6 has been postponed.

Bartholomew County REMC is temporarily suspending late fees on member accounts and non-pay service disconnects until April 20. Payments may be made in the drop box at the REMC office or the drop box at Horizon Bank on Second Street in Columbus. For more information, or to pay online, visit BCREMC.com. Call 844-344-4369 to use the automated pay by phone system or call a customer service representative Monday through Friday at 812-372-2546.

Duke Energy has announced it will not disconnect any customer's service for non-payment. The company will waive late payment fees and fees for returned payments until the national state of emergency is lifted. For residential customers, the company will also waive fees for credit and debit card payments. Customers may perform nearly all customer service functions online, through the company's automated voice phone system or through the company's mobile app.

Southwestern Bartholomew Water Corp.'s lobby is closed. A drop box is available for payments at the office, or payments may be made through mail or at [paygov.us](https://pay.gov) with a credit card. For more information, call 812-342-4421.

COVID-19 Coronavirus Update Podcasts

In order to provide up-to-date information to the community, the COVID-19 Community Task Force will be providing periodic video updates. The podcasts can be viewed from <https://covid19communitytaskforce.org/video-updates/>

Have a question? Go to www.crh.org/covid19questions and we'll address your questions/concerns in future updates (podcasts).

Bartholomew County Coronavirus (COVID-19) Task Force Information:

Local officials are stepping up efforts to ensure a coordinated response to any potential outbreak of the new strain of coronavirus in Bartholomew County as more cases of the illness continue to be detected around the world.

The COVID-19 Task Force includes representatives from Columbus Regional Health, the City of Columbus Mayor's Office, Bartholomew County Health Department, Bartholomew County Emergency Management, Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation, and Cummins Inc., Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce, Columbus Area Economic Development, and Bartholomew County Commissioners.

CRH is following protocols on active screening and response methods based on recommendations from the federal Centers for Disease Control and ISDH, including screening patients for symptoms of illness and exposure risk criteria, such as travel history.

First-responding agencies within Columbus and Bartholomew County are following a unified approach to preparedness and response to a potential COVID-19 case in our area. The procedures are aimed at not only keeping fire, law enforcement and medical personnel safe, but helping us prevent the potential spread of any germs in an effort to keep you, your loved ones and ultimately, our community, safer.

Bartholomew County Commissioners signed a local State of Emergency Declaration on Wednesday for the COVID-19 Coronavirus Pandemic.

Prevention

The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus and follow the below recommendations for preventing the spread of respiratory diseases:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Follow CDC's recommendations for using a facemask.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If you're unable to use soap, sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol can be used.

Here are some of the registered disinfectants from the EPA's list that can be used against the coronavirus:

Clorox Multi Surface Cleaner + Bleach

Clorox Disinfecting Wipes

Clorox Commercial Solutions® Clorox® Disinfecting Spray

Lysol brand Heavy-Duty Cleaner Disinfectant Concentrate

Lysol Disinfectant Max Cover Mist

Lysol brand Clean & Fresh Multi-Surface Cleaner

Purell Professional Surface Disinfectant Wipes

Sani-Prime Germicidal Spray

Local Links: For information on the preventative measures in place by individual entities or for more information, following the below links.

Indiana Department of Health – Latest information from ISDH <https://www.in.gov/isdh/28470.htm>

Cummins Engine Company – Cummins employees can access company information [HERE](#).

Columbus Regional Health - <https://www.crh.org/news>

Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation - <https://www.bcscschools.org/COVID-19>

City of Columbus - <https://www.columbus.in.gov/covid-19-information/>

Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives - <https://resources.acce.org/crisismanagement>

CDC – When and How to Wash Your Hands <https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/when-how-handwashing.html>

CDC - El lavado de las manos: Las manos limpias salvan vidas
<https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/esp/index.html>

ISDH Online COVID-19 Case Tracker - <https://www.in.gov/isdh/28470.htm>

How to Prepare and Take Action for COVID-19 - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/index.html>

Coronavirus Rumor Control - <https://www.fema.gov/Coronavirus-Rumor-Control>

Governor Holcomb's Executive Order 20-08 Stay-At-Home FAQs

Indiana Stay-At-Home Order FAQ

INDIANAPOLIS – Governor Eric J. Holcomb delivered a statewide address Monday to order that Hoosiers remain in their homes except when they are at work or for permitted activities, such as taking care of others, obtaining necessary supplies, and for health and safety. [Click here](#) to see the executive order. Below are frequently asked questions and their answers.

When does the order take effect?

The Stay-At-Home Order takes effect Tuesday, March 24 at 11:59 p.m. ET.

When does the order end?

The order ends on Monday, April 6, at 11:59 p.m. ET, but could be extended if the outbreak warrants it.

Where does the order apply?

The Stay-At-Home Order applies to the entire state of Indiana. Unless you work for an essential business or are doing an essential activity, you must stay home.

Is this mandatory or a recommendation?

This order is mandatory. For the safety of all Hoosiers, people must stay home and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

How will this order be enforced?

Staying home is critical to reducing the spread of COVID-19 in your community. Adhering to the order will save lives, and it is the responsibility of every Hoosier to do their part. However, if the order is not followed, the Indiana State Police will work with local law enforcement to enforce this order. The Indiana State Department of Health and the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission will enforce the restaurant and bar restrictions.

Will the Indiana National Guard enforce this order?

No. The Indiana National Guard is aiding in planning, preparation and logistics with other state agencies. For example, the Indiana National Guard assists in distributing hospital supplies the state receives.

What is an essential business?

Essential businesses and services include but are not limited to grocery stores, pharmacies, gas stations, police stations, fire stations, hospitals, doctor's offices, health care facilities, garbage pickup, public transit, and public service hotlines such as SNAP and HIP 2.0.

A list can be found in the Governor's executive order at [in.gov/coronavirus](https://www.in.gov/coronavirus).

What is an essential activity?

Essential activities include but are not limited to activities for health and safety, necessary supplies and services, outdoor activity, certain types of essential work, and to take care of others.

A list can be found in the Governor's executive order at [in.gov/coronavirus](https://www.in.gov/coronavirus).

I work for an essential business. Will I be allowed to travel to and from work?

Law enforcement will not be stopping drivers on their way to and from work, traveling for an essential activity such as going to the grocery store, or just taking a walk.

Will the grocery store/pharmacy be open?

Yes, grocery stores and pharmacies are essential services.

Can I still order take out/delivery from restaurants and bars?

Yes, restaurants and bars can continue to provide takeout and delivery, but should be closed to dine-in patrons.

Can I get my groceries delivered? Can I still get my online orders delivered?

Yes, you can still receive packages, get groceries delivered, and get meals delivered.

How can I get medical care?

If you develop symptoms such as fever, cough and/or difficulty breathing, and have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or have recently traveled from an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19, stay home and call your healthcare provider.

If you suspected you have COVID-19, please call the healthcare provider in advance so that proper precautions can be taken to limit further transmission. Older patients and individuals who have severe underlying medical conditions or are immunocompromised should contact their healthcare provider early, even if their illness is mild.

If you have severe symptoms, such as persistent pain or pressure in the chest, new confusion or inability to arouse, or bluish lips or face, contact your healthcare provider or emergency room and seek care immediately, but please call in advance if possible. Your doctor will determine if you have signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and whether you should be tested.

Nonessential medical care such as eye exams and teeth-cleaning should be postponed. When possible, health care visits should be done remotely. Contact your health care provider to see what telehealth services they provide.

What is the guidance for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities?

State-operated developmental centers, intermediate care facilities for individuals with developmental disabilities and community integrated living arrangements will continue to provide care. All in-home direct care staff are considered essential staff and should continue to support individuals in the home setting.

If you have specific questions about your support and services, reach out to your provider or individual service coordination agency.

What if I still have to go to work?

You should stay home unless your work is an essential function such as a health care provider, grocery store clerk or first responder. If you have been designated essential by your employer, you should continue to go to work and practice social distancing.

A list of essential businesses can be found in the Governor's executive order at [in.gov/coronavirus](https://www.in.gov/coronavirus).

What if I think my business should be closed, but they're still asking me to report to work?

Essential businesses will remain open during the stay-at-home order to provide services that are vital to the lives of Hoosiers. If you believe your business is nonessential but still are being asked to show up to work, you may discuss it with your employer.

A certain service is essential for me, but the governor didn't include it. What do I do?

The stay-at-home order was issued to protect the health, safety and well-being of Hoosiers. Although some businesses such as fitness centers and salons will be closed, essential services will always be available. For a list of essential businesses that will continue to operate during the order, visit [in.gov/coronavirus](https://www.in.gov/coronavirus).

Will public transportation, ride-sharing and taxis continue?

Public transportation, ride-sharing and taxis should only be used for essential travel.

Will roads in Indiana be closed?

No, the roads will remain open. You should only travel if it is for your health or essential work.

Can I still take a plane out of Indiana?

Planes and other types of transportation should be used for essential travel.

What if my home is not a safe environment?

If it is not safe for you to remain home, you are able and encouraged to find another safe place to stay during this order. Please reach out so someone can help. You can call the domestic violence hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE or your local law enforcement.

What about homeless people who cannot stay at home?

The administration wants to protect the health and safety of all Hoosiers, regardless of where they live. State agencies are partnering with community organizations to ensure the homeless population has safe shelter.

Can I visit friends and family?

For your safety, as well as the safety of all Hoosiers, you should remain at home to help fight the spread of COVID-19. You may visit family members who need medical or other essential assistance, such as ensuring an adequate food supply.

Can I walk my dog or go to the veterinarian?

You are allowed to walk your dog and seek medical care for your pet should they require it. Practice social distancing while out on walks, maintaining at least 6 feet from other neighbors and their pets.

Can I take my kids to the park?

State parks remain open, but welcome centers, inns, and other buildings are closed. Families will be able to go outside and take a walk, run or bike ride, but they should continue to practice social distancing by remaining 6 feet away from other people. Playgrounds are closed because they pose a high risk of increasing spreading the virus.

Can I attend a religious service?

Large gatherings, including church services, will be canceled to slow the spread of COVID-19. Religious leaders are encouraged to continue livestreaming services while practicing social distancing with one another.

Can I leave my home to exercise?

Outdoor exercise such as running or taking a walk is acceptable. However, gyms, fitness centers and associated facilities will be closed to reduce the spread of the coronavirus. While exercising outside, you still should practice social distancing by running or walking at least 6 feet away from other people.

Can I go to the hair salon, spa, nail salon, tattoo parlor or barber shop?

No, these businesses are ordered closed.

Can I leave my home to do laundry?

Yes. Laundromats, dry cleaners and laundry service providers are considered essential businesses.

Can I take my child to daycare?

Yes, daycares are considered an essential business.

Can I pick up meals at my child's school?

Yes. Schools that provide free food services to students will continue on a pickup and take-home basis.