



Essential Services—Nationally and by State Summary

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ISSA is providing all members with a resource to help them determine their status (“essential” or not) in light of the recent and multiple shelter in place orders issued by state governments in recent days, most of which require non-essential businesses to close.

As we continue to combat the coronavirus crisis as a nation and as an industry, we have seen “stay-at-home” orders issued by multiple states just over this past weekend alone. Among other things, these orders typically allow “essential” businesses to continue to operate because of the critical goods and services they provide.

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, which is part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, released updated [guidance](#) to help state and local jurisdictions and the private sector identify and manage their essential workforce while responding to COVID-19. The list doesn’t impose any mandates on state or local jurisdictions or private companies. Of note to ISSA members, included as essential workers in the guidance are:

“Human services providers, especially for at risk populations such as:…Home-maker services for frail, homebound, older adults.” (Healthcare/Public Health)

“…other service providers who provide services, including temporary construction, that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences, businesses and buildings, such as hospitals and senior living facilities.” (Public Works and Infrastructure Support Services)

“Workers who produce hygiene products.” (Hygiene Products and Services)

“Workers providing disinfection services, for all essential facilities and modes of transportation, and supporting the sanitation of all food manufacturing processes and operations from wholesale to retail.” (Hygiene Products and Services)

“Support required for continuity of services, including commercial disinfectant services, janitorial and cleaning personnel, and support personnel functions that need freedom of movement to access facilities in support of front-line workers.” (Hygiene Products and Services)

This federal guidance is advisory in nature. That said, states and municipalities will give the guidance heavy deference in their consideration of what businesses are essential. Therefore, ISSA recommends our members continue to [contact](#) their elected officials to urge them to recognize the cleaning industry as essential. Thus far, ISSA members have sent more than 10,300 such messages to over 2,200 officials in all 50 states. ISSA also issued a [letter](#) to U.S. Governors urging them to recognize the cleaning industry as essential.

Below is a table summarizing which states have made “stay-at-home” announcements and which types of cleaning related businesses are deemed “essential.” We also hyperlinked the specific orders below the table for you to review.

Please note this document is advisory in nature and subject to frequent change.

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Services Deemed Essential by State/Territory

State	Executive Order in Place	Residential Cleaners	Business Service Contractors	Chemical Manufacturers	Non-Chemical Manufacturers	Distributors
Alabama	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Alaska	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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<u>Arizona</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Arkansas	No					
<u>California</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>Colorado</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>Connecticut</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>Delaware</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>Florida</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>Georgia</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>Hawaii</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

State	Executive Order in Place	Residential Cleaners	Business Service Contractors	Chemical Manufacturers	Non-Chemical Manufacturers	Distributors
<u>Idaho</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>Illinois</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>Indiana</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Iowa	No					
<u>Kansas</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>Kentucky</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>Louisiana</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>Maine</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>Maryland</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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<u>*Massachusetts</u>	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>Michigan</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>Minnesota</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>Missouri</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>Mississippi</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>Montana</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Nebraska	No					
<u>Nevada</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>New Hampshire</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

State	Executive Order in Place	Residential Cleaners	Business Service Contractors	Chemical Manufacturers	Non-Chemical Manufacturers	Distributors
New Jersey	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
New Mexico	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
New York	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
North Carolina	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
North Dakota	No					
Ohio	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Oklahoma	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Oregon	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pennsylvania	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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<u>Rhode Island</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>South Carolina</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
South Dakota	No					
<u>Tennessee</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>Texas</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>Utah</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>Vermont</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>Virginia</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
* <u>Washington</u>	Yes	No**	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Washington, D.C.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
West Virginia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wisconsin	No***					
Wyoming	No					

*ISSA continues to be in discussions on behalf of our members with relevant state officials to seek clarification and possible changes to the relevant state order.

**In [Safe Start Washington](#), which the Office of the Governor issued on May 4, 2020, “housecleaning” is listed in Phase 2. (p. 6)
Phase 1 begins May 5, 2020, and “The state will stay in every phase for a minimum of three weeks.” (p. 5)

***On May 13, 2020, the Wisconsin Supreme Court overturned the state’s stay-at-home order. Local stay-at-home orders remain in place.