

COVID-19: Essential and Non-Essential Businesses

Only essential businesses are permitted to stay open while the County's Order is in effect.

For a comprehensive listing of which businesses are considered essential and which are non-essential, please refer to the County's Order (available [here](#)) and the County's Stay Well at Home Frequently Asked Questions for Businesses (available [here](#)). Below are examples of businesses considered essential and allowed to remain open, and those that are considered non-essential and are closed.

What Businesses Are Open?	What Businesses Are Closed?
Grocery stores, food banks, convenience stores, wholesale clubs that sell groceries and essentials	Dine-in restaurants
Take-out and delivery restaurants	Bars and nightclubs that don't serve food
Farmers markets (some cities have closed their farmers markets, but Santa Monica's currently remain open)	Entertainment venues, including bowling alleys, arcades, music venues, etc.
Pharmacies	Gyms and fitness studios
Healthcare centers and operations, including hospitals, medical clinics, laboratories, dental clinics, physical therapy, chiropractic offices, and mental or behavioral health providers	Public events and gatherings
Laundromats, laundry services, dry cleaners	Convention centers
Gas stations, auto supply, and auto repair and supplies; and auto, truck, RV, motorcycle, and bicycle repair shops	Most stores in indoor malls/shopping centers
Organizations that provide food, shelter, and social services for the disadvantaged	Non-medical physical health and beauty providers (nail salons, hair salons, spas, tattoo parlors)
Hardware and building supply stores, home appliance stores, and pool supply stores	Indoor or outdoor playgrounds for children
Office or computer supply stores	Retail stores that are not listed as one of the business remaining open
Media services (newspaper, television, radio, magazine, podcast, and the like)	Pet grooming businesses
Banks, credit unions, and financial institutions	Art and craft supplies stores
Post offices, mailing and shipping or delivery services	Flea Markets and Swap Meets

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Airlines and taxis	Furniture stores
Legal, accounting, and other professional services if necessary to comply with legally mandated activities	Golf Courses, skate parks, and tennis, racquetball, volleyball, and basketball courts
Residential facilities and shelters for seniors, adults, and children	Car wash businesses
Home-based care for seniors, adults, and children	Car dealerships
Child care facilities that enable employees to work at essential business/critical infrastructure	Florist shops
Educational institutions to facilitate distance learning	Clothing stores
Businesses that ship or provide logistical support for delivery of groceries, food, goods or services to residents, essential businesses, or healthcare operations.	
Bicycle shops and repair businesses	
Auto dealerships and repair shops	
Veterinary clinics and all healthcare provided to animals, animal feed stores, pet stores, animal daycare centers, animal boarding facilities, animal shelters, and pet-sitters	
Plumbers, electricians, gardeners/ landscapers, pest control services, property managers, and security personnel	
Internet service providers, cable providers, mobile/cell phone stores and service providers	
Critical essential infrastructure	