



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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RE: Application to Continue Business Operations at its Physical Locations: Clarification for Residential Construction Projects

By Executive Order dated March 19, 2020, and pursuant to powers granted to us by law, we ordered that no person or entity shall operate a place of business that is not a life-sustaining business, regardless of whether the business is open to members of the public. These orders (the “COVID-19 Orders”) are necessary to stop the spread of the novel coronavirus COVID-19.

You recently submitted a request for an exemption from the applicability of the COVID-19 Orders relating to residential construction. In response to repeated inquiries, we are clarifying the extent to which you may continue operations. Specifically, residential construction projects that are substantially complete may continue to completion. Projects that are “substantially completed” are those projects that have been issued a final occupancy permit. For all other residential construction projects limited activities may continue to the extent necessary to stabilize the site, temporarily prevent weather damage, or make emergency repairs only. Emergency repairs, limited to performing those tasks necessary to provide repair services to customers, may continue. No new construction or non-emergency rehabilitation or remodeling may be performed.

If you previously received a notification from [ra-dcexemption@pa.gov](mailto:ra-dcexemption@pa.gov) informing you that your request for an exemption was denied, granted, or that no exemption was required, please note that this notification replaces that previous guidance. For further information regarding what operations constitute or support a life-sustaining business sector, please see the Department of Community and Economic Development’s guidance available at <https://dced.pa.gov/resources>.

Your operations are subject to continuance of and compliance with the social distancing and other mitigation measures to protect employees and the public, including virtual and telework operations (e.g. work from home) as the primary option when available, which were submitted with your request and which have been established by the Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to-date and going forward. In-person work at a business site is only to be performed on the most limited basis possible to deliver the services or goods of your life-sustaining business.

Sincerely,

  
TOM WOLF  
Governor



RACHEL L. LEVINE, M.D.  
Secretary of Health

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