# CONNECTICUT – COVID-19 – Executive Order No. 7H – Issued 3/20/20*

PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND RESPONSE – RESTRICTIONS ON WORKPLACES FOR NON-ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES, COORDINATED RESPONSE EFFORT

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<td>Intent = to reduce spread of COVID-19, and facilitate the most timely  and effective response to the COVID-19 emergency disaster.</td>
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<td>All businesses and non-profit entities in CT shall, to the maximum extent feasible, employ telecommuting or work from home procedures that they can safely employ. Non-essential businesses or nonprofit entities shall reduce their in-person workforces at any workplace location by 100%. Any essential business or entity providing essential goods, services or functions shall not be subject to these in-person restrictions. Dept of Economic and Community Development (DECD) guidance accessible at: <a href="https://portal.ct.gov/DECD/Content/Coronavirus-for-Businesses/Coronavirus-for-Businesses">https://portal.ct.gov/DECD/Content/Coronavirus-for-Businesses/Coronavirus-for-Businesses</a></td>
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## DEFINITIONS (SUMMARY)

**Essential Businesses – See full description in Order and Guidance**

To be set forth in the Guidance, which shall include but not be limited to:

- 16 critical infrastructure sectors under CISA
  
- Essential healthcare operations (including hospitals, medical offices, healthcare suppliers, mental health providers, dentists, therapists, vets, dentists, pharmaceutical businesses, etc)
- Essential infrastructure, including utilities, wastewater and drinking water, telecommunications, transportation, manufacturing, food processing, etc
- Defense industrial base, including aerospace, engineers, manufacturing workers, aircraft and weapon system mechanics, etc
- Essential retail, including grocery stores, big box stores (that sell groceries), pharmacies, gas stations and convenience stores, etc
- Food and beverage retailers and restaurants
- Essential services including trash and recycling
- Mail and shipping services
- News media
- Legal and accounting services
- Banks insurance companies, check cashing services and other financial institutions
- Providers of basic necessities to economically disadvantaged populations
- Construction
- Vendors that provide essential services or products, including logistics and technology support, child care and services needed to ensure the continuing operation of government agencies and the provision of goods services or functions necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the public

Other businesses may be deemed essential after requesting an opinion from DECD, which shall review and grant such request, should it determine that it is in the best interest of the state to have the workforce continue at full capacity to properly respond to this emergency.

**DISCLAIMER:** This information is provided for convenience only, and should not be relied upon in making decisions for your business. As this is a rapidly changing area, reference should always be made to the official order and related interpretative guidance. If you have specific questions about how any particular jurisdiction’s Order affects your business, or other COVID-19 topics, please contact a member of the Holland & Knight’s COVID-19 Response Team – State and Local Orders and Regulations.