

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA – COVID-19 – Stay at Home Order– Mayor’s Order 2020-054 Issued 3/30/20, Amended 4/15/20, 5/26/20

### SHELTER IN PLACE OF RESIDENCE (STAY AT HOME)

Order 2020-054 <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/stayhome>

Order 2020-063 (Amendments)

<https://coronavirus.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/coronavirus/publication/attachments/MayorsOrder2020.063.pdf>

Order 2020-066 (Amendment)

[https://coronavirus.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/coronavirus/page\\_content/attachments/Mayors-Order-2020-066-Extensions-of-Public-Emergency-and-Public-Health.pdf](https://coronavirus.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/coronavirus/page_content/attachments/Mayors-Order-2020-066-Extensions-of-Public-Emergency-and-Public-Health.pdf)

GENERAL TOPIC	SUMMARY	SECTION # 2020-054
Effective Period	The initial Stay at Home Order 2020-054 was effective 4/1/20 as of 12:01. Has been extended by various orders until 6/8/20, or the date through which the state of emergency has been extended. <b>[Changes implemented by Order 2020-063 and 066 noted in blue.]</b>	Sec. VII
Intent	To keep the maximum number of people in their residences to the maximum extent feasible, while enabling essential activities, government services, and business to continue; significantly slow the spread of COVID-19, reduce COVID-19 virus infections, COVID-19 illness, and death caused by COVID-19 and its complications; etc.	Sec. I
Failure to Comply	A person or entity that knowingly violates the Order is subject to civil, criminal, and administrative penalties authorized by law, including sanctions or penalties for violating D.C. Official Code § 7-2307, including \$1,000 fines, summary suspension or revocation of business licensure.  A person who willfully violates the Order may be found guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, subject to a fine not to exceed \$5,000, imprisonment for not more than 90 days.	Sec. V
Stay at Home	All individuals living in the District of Columbia are ordered to stay at their place of residence, except as specified in Order. <b>Visitors and individuals working in the District are also subject to this Order when in the District.</b>  Persons may <b>only</b> leave home only for “ <u>Allowable Recreational Activities</u> ,” “ <u>Essential Activities</u> ,” to work at “ <u>Essential Businesses</u> ,” perform or access “ <u>Essential Government Functions</u> ,” “ <u>Essential Travel</u> ” and “ <u>Minimum Basic Operations</u> ” (see below)	Sec. II

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	<b>Exceptions:</b> Homeless individuals are not subject to shelter-in-place order, and those subject to unsafe residences (e.g. domestic violence) are permitted to find alternative residences.	
Home-Based Services	Persons are allowed to obtain and provide home-based services so long as they do not involve physical touching and may be carried out in compliance with the Social Distancing Requirements.	Sec. II(4)
Travel	Specific requirements are listed for use of public transit, ride sharing services, scooters, bicycles, and subways. See Order for details.	Sec. II(5)
Social Distancing Requirements	At all times that an individual leaves their home, must comply with Social Distancing Requirements to the maximum extent possible.	Sec. II(6)
Face Masks – Requirements for individuals	<b>Masks or face coverings required:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individuals using taxis, ride-sharing vehicles, or other private transportation providers</li> <li>• Employees of and individuals using public transportation</li> <li>• When at work in the presence of other persons (not if working alone in an office)</li> <li>• During essential travel if social distance cannot be maintained</li> </ul> Certain exceptions, such as for children under age of 9, allowable recreational activities. Each District agency to develop its own rules. Also see Section IV of Order 066 for requirements for businesses.	Order 063-II.5(e)(f)  Order 066-III
Infected Persons	An individual who is suspected or confirmed to be infected with COVID-19 or any other transmissible infectious disease shall not be outside their residence except as necessary to seek or receive medical care in accordance with guidance from public health officials or their health care provider.	Sec. II(7)
Other	Dept of Parks to determine what outdoor facilities may safely open for allowable recreational activity.	Order 066 Sec V
DEFINITIONS (SUMMARY)		
Allowable Recreational Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outdoor activity only with household members that complies with Social Distancing requirements. Examples include: walking, hiking, running, dog-walking, biking, rollerblading, scootering, skateboarding, playing tennis, golfing, gardening, and other activities that comply with Social Distancing Requirements.</li> </ul>	Sec. IV(1)
Residences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes homes and apartments, hotels, motels, shared rental units, shelters and similar facilities.</li> </ul>	Sec. IV(7)

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Essential Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completing tasks essential to health and safety of individual or family or household members (<b>including pets</b>), such as obtaining medical supplies, medication, visiting healthcare professionals or obtaining work-from-home supplies.</li> <li>• Obtaining services or supplies for an individual's own self or the individual's family or household members; or delivering those services or supplies to others that are necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and operations of residences.</li> <li>• Performing work providing essential products and services at an Essential Business or otherwise carrying out activities specifically permitted in this Order.</li> <li>• To care for a family member, friend or pet in another household or serving as a caregiver providing essential services to another. This involves more than companionship or entertainment. It must include helping a person with activities of daily living, supervision of children, or otherwise tending to the immediate physical needs and safety of someone who cannot attend to those needs for him or herself.</li> <li>• Providing or obtaining services at a Health Care Operation which includes hospitals, clinics, dentists, pharmacies, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, other health care facilities, health care suppliers, home health care and assisted living services, mental health providers, or any related and/or ancillary health care services, veterinary care (including all health care services provided to animals),</li> <li>• To perform work of <u>Essential Businesses</u>.</li> </ul>	Sec. IV(2)
Essential Businesses	See definition in Mayor's Order 2020-053 and subsequent interpretive guidance	Sec. IV (3)
Essential Travel	<p>So long as in compliance with Social Distancing Requirements, the following travel is permitted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any travel to access Essential Activities or Minimum Basic Operations (see above and below).</li> <li>• Any travel for care of elderly, minors, dependents, disabled or other vulnerable persons, pets or livestock</li> <li>• Any travel to and from educational institutions for purposes of receiving materials for distance learning, meals and other related services</li> <li>• Any travel to return to place of residence in DE from outside of DE.</li> <li>• Any travel required or authorized by court order</li> </ul>	Sec. IV(5)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any travel required for non-residents to return to their non-DE residence.</li> </ul>	
Minimum Basic Operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum necessary activities to maintain value of business's inventory, preserve physical condition of physical plant and equipment, ensure security, process payroll and employee benefits, or related functions.</li> <li>Minimum necessary activities to facilitate employees to work remotely or continue to work remotely from residences.</li> </ul>	Sec. IV(6)
Social Distancing Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintaining 6-foot social distancing</li> <li>Washing hands for at least 20 seconds as frequently as possible</li> <li>Using hand sanitizer, covering coughs or sneezes (not with hands), regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces and not shaking hands.</li> </ul>	Sec. IV(8)

**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.

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