



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

ORDER OF

THE GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA REGARDING THE CLOSURE OF ALL BUSINESSES THAT ARE NOT LIFE SUSTAINING

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) have declared a novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”) a “public health emergency of international concern,” and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (“HHS”) Secretary has declared that COVID-19 creates a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, as of March 6, 2020, I proclaimed the existence of a disaster emergency throughout the Commonwealth pursuant to 35 Pa. C.S. § 7301(c); and

WHEREAS, I am charged with the responsibility to address dangers facing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that result from disasters. 35 Pa. C.S. § 7301(a); and

WHEREAS, in addition to general powers, during a disaster emergency I am authorized specifically to control ingress and egress to and from a disaster area and the movement of persons within it and the occupancy of premises therein; and suspend or limit the sale, dispensing, or transportation of alcoholic beverages, firearms, and combustibles. 35 Pa. C.S. § 7301(f); and

WHEREAS, in executing the extraordinary powers outlined above, I am further authorized during a disaster emergency to issue, amend and rescind executive orders, proclamations and regulations and those directives shall have the force and effect of law. 35 Pa. C.S. § 7301(b); and

WHEREAS, in addition to my authority, my Secretary of Health has the authority to determine and employ the most efficient and practical means for the prevention and suppression of disease. 71 P.S. § 532(a), 71 P.S. 1403(a); and

WHEREAS, these means include isolation, quarantine, and any other control measure needed. 35 P.S. § 521.5.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me and my Administration by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I do hereby ORDER and PROCLAIM as follows:

Section 1: Prohibition on Operation of Businesses that are not Life Sustaining

All prior orders and guidance regarding business closures are hereby superseded.

No person or entity shall operate a place of business in the Commonwealth that is not a life sustaining business regardless of whether the business is open to members of the public. This prohibition does not apply to virtual or telework operations (e.g., work from home), so long as social distancing and other mitigation measures are followed in such operations.

Life sustaining businesses may remain open, but they must follow, at a minimum, the social distancing practices and other mitigation measures defined by the Centers for Disease Control to protect workers and patrons. A list of life sustaining businesses that may remain open is attached to and incorporated into this Order.

Enforcement actions will be taken against non-life sustaining businesses that are out of compliance effective March 21, 2020, at 12:01 a.m.

Section 2: Prohibition on Dine-In Facilities including Restaurants and Bars

All restaurants and bars previously have been ordered to close their dine-in facilities to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

Businesses that offer carry-out, delivery, and drive-through food and beverage service may continue, so long as social distancing and other mitigation measures are employed to protect workers and patrons. Enforcement actions will be taken against businesses that are out of compliance effective March 19, 2020, at 8 p.m.

Section 3: Effective Date and Duration

This order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until further notice.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the city of Harrisburg, on this nineteenth day of March two thousand twenty, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred and forty-fourth.

Tom Wolf
TOM WOLF
Governor

Industry	Sector	Subsector	Industry Group	May Continue Physical Operations	Notes	
In extenuating circumstances, special exemptions will be granted to businesses that are supplying or servicing health care providers.						
Natural Resources and Mining	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting	Crop Production	Oilseed and Grain Farming	Yes		
			Vegetable and Melon Farming	Yes		
			Fruit and Tree Nut Farming	Yes		
			Greenhouse, Nursery, and Floriculture Production	Yes		
			Other Crop Farming	Yes		
		Animal Production	Cattle Ranching and Farming	Yes		
			Hog and Pig Farming	Yes		
			Poultry and Egg Production	Yes		
			Sheep and Goat Farming	Yes		
			Animal Aquaculture	Yes		
		Forestry and Logging	Timber Tract Operations	No		
			Forest Nurseries and Local Gathering of Forest Products	No		
			Logging	No		
		Fishing, Hunting, and Trapping	Fishing	Yes		
			Hunting and Trapping	Yes		
	Support Activities for Agriculture & Forestry	Support Activities for Crop Production	Yes			
		Support Activities for Animal Production	Yes			
		Support Activities for Forestry	No			
	Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	Oil and Gas Extraction		Yes		
			Coal Mining	No		
Mining		Metal Ore Mining	No			
		Nonmetallic Mineral Mining and Quarrying	No			
Support Activities for Mining		No				
Construction	Construction	Construction of Buildings	Residential Building Construction	No		
			Nonresidential Building Construction	No		
		Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	Utility Subsystem Construction	No		
			Land Subdivision	No		
			Highway, Street, and Bridge Construction	No		
			Other Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	No		
	Specialty Trade Contractors	Foundation, Structure, and Building Exterior Contractors	No			
		Building Equipment Contractors	No			
		Building Finishing Contractors	No			
			Other Specialty Trade Contractors	No		
	Manufacturing	Manufacturing	Food Manufacturing	Animal Food Manufacturing	Yes	
				Grain and Oilseed Milling	Yes	
Sugar and Confectionery Product Manufacturing				Yes		
Fruit and Vegetable Preserving and Specialty Food Manufacturing				Yes		
Dairy Product Manufacturing				Yes		
Animal Slaughtering and Processing				Yes		
Seafood Product Preparation and Packaging				Yes		
Bakeries and Tortilla Manufacturing				Yes		
Other Food Manufacturing				Yes		
Beverage and Tobacco Product Manufacturing				Yes		
Tobacco Manufacturing			No			
Textile Mills			Fiber, Yarn, and Thread Mills	No		
			Fabric Mills	No		
			Textile and Fabric Finishing and Fabric Coating Mills	No		
Textile Product Mills			Textile Furnishing Mills	No		
			Other Textile Product Mills	No		
Apparel Manufacturing			Apparel Knitting Mills	No		
			Cut and Sew Apparel Manufacturing	No		
			Apparel Accessories and Other Apparel Manufacturing	No		
Leather & Allied Product Manufacturing			Leather and Hide Tanning and Finishing	No		
			Footwear Manufacturing	No		
			Other Leather and Allied Product Manufacturing	No		
Wood Product Manufacturing			Sawmills and Wood Preservation	No		
			Veneer, Plywood, and Engineered Wood Product Manufacturing	No		
			Other Wood Product Manufacturing	No		
Paper Manufacturing			Pulp, Paper, and Paperboard Mills	Yes		
			Converted Paper Product Manufacturing	Yes		
Printing & Related Support Activities			No			
Petroleum & Coal Products Manufacturing			Yes			
Chemical Manufacturing			Basic Chemical Manufacturing	Yes		
			Resin, Synthetic Rubber, and Artificial Synthetic Fibers and Filaments Manufacturing	Yes		
			Pesticide, Fertilizer, and Other Agricultural Chemical Manufacturing	Yes		
			Pharmaceutical and Medicine Manufacturing	Yes		
	Paint, Coating, and Adhesive Manufacturing	No				
	Soap, Cleaning Compounds, and Toilet Preparation Manufacturing	Yes				
Other Chemical Product and Preparation Manufacturing	Yes					

Industry	Sector	Subsector	Industry Group	May Continue Physical Operations	Notes
Manufacturing (continued)	Manufacturing (Continued)	Plastics & Rubber Products Manufacturing	Plastics Product Manufacturing	Yes	
			Rubber Product Manufacturing	Yes	
		Nonmetallic Mineral Product Manufacturing	Clay Product and Refractory Manufacturing	No	
			Glass and Glass Product Manufacturing	No	
			Cement and Concrete Product Manufacturing	Yes	
			Lime and Gypsum Product Manufacturing	No	
		Primary Metal Manufacturing	Other Nonmetallic Mineral Product Manufacturing	No	
			Iron and Steel Mills and Ferroalloy Manufacturing	Yes	
			Steel Product Manufacturing from Purchased Steel	Yes	
			Alumina and Aluminum Production and Processing	Yes	
			Nonferrous Metal (except Aluminum) Production and Processing	No	
		Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	Foundries	No	
			Forging and Stamping	No	
			Cutlery and Handtool Manufacturing	No	
			Boiler, Tank, and Shipping Container Manufacturing	No	
			Hardware Manufacturing	No	
			Spring and Wire Product Manufacturing	No	
			Machine Shops, Turned Product, and Screw, Nut, and Bolt Manufacturing	No	
			Coating, Engraving, Heat Treating, and Allied Activities	No	
			Other Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	No	
			Machine Manufacturing	Agriculture, Construction, and Mining Machinery Manufacturing	Yes
		Industrial Machinery Manufacturing		No	
		Commercial and Service Industry Machinery Manufacturing		Yes	
		Ventilation, Heating, Air-Conditioning, and Commercial Refrigeration Equipment Manufacturing		Yes	
		Metalworking Machinery Manufacturing		No	
		Engine, Turbine, and Power Transmission Equipment Manufacturing		Yes	
		Other General Purpose Machinery Manufacturing		No	
		Computer and Peripheral Equipment Manufacturing		No	
		Communications Equipment Manufacturing		No	
		Audio and Video Equipment Manufacturing		No	
		Computer & Electronic Product Manufacturing	Semiconductor and Other Electrical Component Manufacturing	Yes	
			Navigation, Measuring, Electromedical, and Control Instruments Manufacturing	Yes	
			Manufacturing and Reproducing Magnetic and Optical Media	No	
		Electrical Equipment, Appliance, & Component Manufacturing	Electric Lighting Equipment Manufacturing	No	
			Household Appliance Manufacturing	No	
			Electrical Equipment Manufacturing	No	
			Other Electrical Equipment and Component Manufacturing	No	
		Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	Motor Vehicle Manufacturing	No	
			Motor Vehicle Body and Trailer Manufacturing	No	
			Motor Vehicle Parts Manufacturing	No	
			Aerospace Product and Parts Manufacturing	No	
			Railroad Rolling Stock Manufacturing	No	
			Ship and Boat Building	No	
		Furniture & Related Product Manufacturing	Other Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	No	
			Household and Institutional Furniture and Kitchen Cabinet Manufacturing	No	
			Office Furniture (including Fixtures) Manufacturing	No	
		Miscellaneous Manufacturing	Other Furniture Related Product Manufacturing	No	
			Medical Equipment and Supplies Manufacturing	Yes	
			Other Miscellaneous Manufacturing	No	

Industry	Sector	Subsector	Industry Group	May Continue Physical Operations	Notes		
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	Wholesale Trade	Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	Motor Vehicle and Motor Vehicle Parts and Supplies Merchant Wholesalers	Yes			
			Furniture and Home Furnishing Merchant Wholesalers	No			
			Lumber and Other Construction Materials Merchant Wholesalers	No			
			Professional and Commercial Equipment and Supplies Merchant Wholesalers	Yes			
			Metal and Mineral (except Petroleum) Merchant Wholesalers	Yes			
			Electrical and Electronic Goods Merchant Wholesalers	Yes			
			Hardware, and Plumbing and Heating Equipment and Supplies Merchant Wholesalers	Yes			
			Machinery, Equipment, and Supplies Merchant Wholesalers	Yes			
			Miscellaneous Durable Goods Merchant Wholesalers	Yes			
			Paper and Product Merchant Wholesalers	Yes			
			Drugs and Druggists' Sundries Merchant Wholesalers	Yes			
			Apparel, Piece Goods, and Notions Merchant Wholesalers	No			
		Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	Grocery and Related Product Wholesalers	Yes			
			Farm Product Raw Material Merchant Wholesalers	Yes			
			Chemical and Allied Products Merchant Wholesalers	Yes			
			Petroleum and Petroleum Products Merchant Wholesalers	Yes			
			Beer, Wine, and Distilled Alcoholic Beverage Merchant Wholesalers	Yes			
			Miscellaneous Nondurable Goods Merchant Wholesalers	No			
			Wholesale Electronic Markets and Agents & Brokers			No	
			Retail Trade	Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers	Automobile Dealers	No	
					Other Motor Vehicle Dealers	No	
					Automotive Parts, Accessories, and Tire Stores	Yes	
		Furniture & Home Furnishing Stores		Furniture Stores	No		
				Home Furnishings Stores	No		
		Electronics & Appliance Stores			No		
		Building Material, Garden Equipment, & Supplies Dealers		Building Material and Supplies Dealers	Yes		
				Lawn and Garden Equipment and Supplies Stores	No		
		Food & Beverage Stores		Grocery Stores	Yes		
				Specialty Food Stores	No		
				Beer, Wine, and Liquor Stores (Beer Distributors to Remain Open)	Yes		
		Health & Personal Care Stores			No		
		Gasoline Stations			Yes		
	Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores	Clothing Stores		No			
		Shoe Stores		No			
		Jewelry, Luggage, and Leather Goods Stores		No			
		Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, & Music Stores		Sporting Goods, Hobby, and Musical Instrument Stores	No		
				Book, Periodical, and Music Stores	No		
	General Merchandise Stores	Department Stores		No			
		Other General Merchandise Stores		Yes			
	Miscellaneous Store Retailers	Florists		No			
		Office Supplies, Stationery, and Gift Stores		No			
		Used Merchandise Stores		No			
		Other Miscellaneous Store Retailers		No			
	Nonstore Retailers	Electronic Shopping and Mail-Order Houses		Yes			
		Vending Machine Operators		No			
		Direct Selling Establishments		No			
	Transportation and Warehousing	Air Transportation		Scheduled Air Transportation	Yes		
				Nonscheduled Air Transportation	Yes		
		Rail Transportation			Yes		
		Water Transportation		Deep Sea, Coastal, and Great Lakes Water Transportation	Yes		
				Inland Water Transportation	Yes		
		Truck Transportation		General Freight Trucking	Yes		
				Specialized Freight Trucking	Yes		
				Urban Transit Systems	Yes		
		Transit and Ground Passenger Transportation		Interurban and Rural Bus Transportation	Yes		
				Taxi and Limousine Service	Yes		
				School and Employee Bus Transportation	Yes		
			Charter Bus Industry	No			
			Other Transit and Ground Passenger Transportation	Yes			
		Pipeline Transportation	Pipeline Transportation of Crude Oil	Yes			
			Pipeline Transportation of Natural Gas	Yes			
			Other Pipeline Transportation	Yes			
		Scenic and Sightseeing Transportation	Scenic and Sightseeing Transportation, Land	No			
			Scenic and Sightseeing Transportation, Water	No			
			Scenic and Sightseeing Transportation, Other	No			
		Support Activities for Transportation	Support Activities for Air Transportation	Yes			
			Support Activities for Rail Transportation	Yes			
			Support Activities for Water Transportation	Yes			
			Support Activities for Road Transportation	Yes			
			Freight Transportation Arrangement	Yes			
			Other Support Activities for Transportation	Yes			
		Postal Service			Yes		
		Couriers and Messengers	Couriers	Yes			
			Local Messengers and Local Delivery	Yes			
		Warehousing and Storage			Yes		
		Utilities	Utilities	Electric Power Generation, Transmission, and Distribution	Yes		
				Natural Gas Distribution	Yes		
				Water, Sewage and Other Systems	Yes		

Industry	Sector	Subsector	Industry Group	May Continue Physical Operations	Notes	
Information	Information	Publishing Industries (except Internet)	Newspaper, Periodical, Book, and Directory Publishers	Yes		
			Software Publishers	No		
		Motion Picture and Sound Recording Industries	Motion Picture and Video Industries	No		
			Sound Recording Industries	No		
		Broadcasting (except Internet)	Radio and Television Broadcasting	Yes		
			Cable and Other Subscription Programming	Yes		
		Telecommunications	Wired Telecommunications Carriers	Yes		
			Wireless Telecommunications Carriers (except Satellite)	Yes		
			Telecommunications Resellers	No		
			Satellite Telecommunications	Yes		
			Cable and Other Program Distribution	Yes		
Other Telecommunications	Yes					
Data Processing, Hosting, and Related Services	Yes					
Other Information Services	Yes					
Financial Activities	Finance and Insurance	Monetary Authorities - Central Bank	Depository Credit Intermediation	Yes		
			Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	Nondepository Credit Intermediation	Yes	
				Activities Related to Credit Intermediation	Yes	
		Securities, Commodity Contracts, and Other Financial Investments and Related Activities	Securities and Commodity Contracts Intermediation and Brokerage	No		
			Securities and Commodity Exchanges	No		
			Other Financial Investment Activities	No		
		Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	Insurance Carriers	No		
			Agencies, Brokerages, and Other Insurance Related Activities	No		
		Funds, Trusts, and Other Financial Activities	Insurance and Employee Benefit Funds	No		
			Other Investment Pools and Funds	No		
	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	Real Estate	Lessors of Real Estate	No		
			Offices of Real Estate Agents and Brokers	No		
			Activities Related to Real Estate	No		
		Rental and Leasing Services	Automotive Equipment Rental and Leasing	Yes		
			Consumer Goods Rental	Yes		
			General Rental Centers	Yes		
			Commercial and Industrial Machinery and Equipment Rental and Leasing	Yes		
	Lessors of Nonfinancial Intangible Assets (except Copyrighted Works)	No				
	Professional and Business Services	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	Legal Services	No		
			Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping, and Payroll Services	No		
Architectural, Engineering, and Related Services			No			
Specialized Design Services			No			
Computer Systems Design and Related Services			No			
Management, Scientific, and Technical Consulting Services			No			
Scientific Research and Development Services			Yes			
Advertising and Related Services			No			
Other Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services			Yes			
Management of Companies and Enterprises			No			
Administration and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services		Administrative and Support Services	Office Administrative Services	No		
			Facilities Support Services	Yes		
			Employment Services	No		
			Business Support Services	No		
			Travel Arrangement and Reservation Services	No		
			Investigation and Security Services	Yes		
			Services to Building and Dwellings	Yes		
			Other Support Services	No		
			Waste Management and Remediation Services	Waste Collection	Yes	
				Waste Treatment and Disposal	Yes	
		Remediation and Other Waste Management Services		Yes		
		Education and Health Services	Educational Services	Elementary and Secondary Schools	No	
				Junior Colleges	No	
Colleges, Universities, and Professional Schools	No					
Business Schools and Computer and Management Training	No					
Technical and Trade Schools	No					
Other Schools and Instruction	No					
Education Support Services	No					
Health Care and Social Assistance	Ambulatory Health Care Services		Offices of Physicians	Yes	Elective procedures prohibited	
			Offices of Dentists	Yes	Elective procedures prohibited	
			Offices of Other Health Practitioners	Yes	Elective procedures prohibited	
			Outpatient Care Centers	Yes	Elective procedures prohibited	
			Medical and Diagnostic Laboratories	Yes	Elective procedures prohibited	
			Home Health Care Services	Yes	Elective procedures prohibited	
			Other Ambulatory Health Care Services	Yes	Elective procedures prohibited	
	Hospitals		General Medical and Surgical Hospitals	Yes	Elective procedures prohibited	
			Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Hospitals	Yes	Elective procedures prohibited	
			Specialty (except Psychiatric and Substance Abuse) Hospitals	Yes	Elective procedures prohibited	
	Nursing and Residential Care Facilities		Nursing Care Facilities	Yes		
			Residential Mental Retardation, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Facilities	Yes		
			Community Care Facilities for the Elderly	Yes		
Other Residential Care Facilities		Yes				
Social Assistance	Individual and Family Services	Yes				
	Community Food and Housing, and Emergency and Other Relief Services	Yes				
	Vocational Rehabilitation Services	Yes				
Child Day Care Services	No					

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Leisure and Hospitality	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	Performing Arts, Spectator Sports, and Related Industries	Performing Arts Companies	No		
			Spectator Sports	No		
			Promoters of Performing Arts, Sports, and Similar Events	No		
			Agents and Managers for Artists, Athletes, Entertainers, and Other Public Figures	No		
			Independent Artists, Writers, and Performers	No		
		Museums, Historical Sites, and Similar Institutions	No			
		Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation Industries	Amusement Parks and Arcades	No		
	Gambling Industries		No			
	Other Amusement and Recreation Industries		No			
	Accommodation and Food Services	Accommodation	Traveler Accommodation	No		
			RV (Recreational Vehicle) Parks and Recreational Camps	Yes	Residential only	
			Rooming and Boarding Houses	Yes	Residential only	
		Food Services and Drinking Places	Full-Service Restaurants	Yes	Takeout only	
			Limited-Service Eating Places	Yes	Takeout only	
			Special Food Services	No		
			Drinking Places (Alcoholic Beverages)	No		
			Other Services (except Public Administration)	Repair and Maintenance	Automotive Repair and Maintenance	Yes
Electronic and Precision Equipment Repair and Maintenance					Yes	
Commercial and Industrial Machinery and Equipment (except Automotive and Electronic) Repair and Maintenance					Yes	
Personal and Household Goods Repair and Maintenance	Yes					
Personal and Laundry Services	Personal Care Services	No		This category includes barbershops, nail salons, beauty salons, gyms (including yoga, barre and spin facilities).		
	Death Care Services	Yes				
	Drycleaning and Laundry Services	No				
	Other Personal Services	No				
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional, and Similar Organizations	Religious Organizations	Yes				
	Grantmaking and Giving Services	Yes				
	Social Advocacy Organizations	Yes				
	Civic and Social Organizations	Yes				
	Business, Professional, Labor, Political, and Similar Organizations	No				
Private Households	No					

Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Regarding the Closure of All Businesses That Are Not Life Sustaining

To protect the public from the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19), it is necessary 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. Therefore, under the authority granted to me by law, I hereby order:

- 1) 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. This prohibition does not apply to virtual or telework operations (e.g., work from home). Life sustaining businesses may remain open, but they must employ social distancing practices and other mitigation measures defined by the Centers for Disease Control to protect their workers and patrons. A list of life sustaining businesses that may remain open is attached to and incorporated into this Order.

Enforcement actions will be taken against non-life-sustaining businesses that are out of compliance effective March 21, 2020, at 12:01 a.m.

- 2) All restaurants and bars are ordered to close their dine-in facilities to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Businesses that offer carry-out, delivery, and drive-through food and beverage service may continue, so long as social distancing and other mitigation measures are employed to protect workers and patrons.

Enforcement actions will be taken against businesses that are out of compliance effective March 19, 2020, at 8 p.m.

COVID-19 is a contagious disease that is rapidly spreading from person-to-person. People infected are capable of exposing others to COVID-19 even if their symptoms are mild, such as a cough. Additionally, exposure is possible by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching one's mouth, nose, or eyes. Spread by persons who are asymptomatic has not been ruled out.

Multiple areas of the United States are experiencing "community spread" of COVID-19, which means that the illness is being transmitted through unknown sources, not from known areas of infection. Mass gatherings increase the risk of transmission and community spread. Case counts of COVID-19 are rapidly increasing in the urban areas of the Commonwealth and especially our eastern counties, and cases are beginning to appear in other counties suggesting that community spread is occurring.

Symptoms of COVID-19 may include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Older adults and people who have serious chronic medical conditions are at a higher risk for serious illness. Early symptoms may also include chills, body aches, sore throat, headache, diarrhea, nausea/vomiting, and runny nose.

On March 6, 2020, the Governor issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency due to the emergence of COVID-19 in the United States and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Since the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania confirmed its first case of COVID-19, positive cases have continued to rise. As of March 19, 2020, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has 185 positive cases.

Non-life sustaining businesses present the opportunity for unnecessary gatherings, personal contact and interaction that will increase the risk of transmission and the risk of community spread of COVID-19.

COVID-19 is a threat to the public's health, for which the Secretary of Health may order general control measures, including, but not limited to, closure, isolation, and quarantine. This authority is granted to the Secretary of Health pursuant to Pennsylvania law. *See* Section 5 of the Disease Prevention and Control Law, 35 P.S. §§ 521.1; 521.5, sections 2102(a) and 2106 of the Administrative Code of 1929, 71 P.S. § 532(a) and 536 and the Department of Health's (Department) regulations found at 28 Pa. Code §§ 27.60-27.68 (relating to disease control measures; isolation; quarantine; movement of persons subject to isolation or quarantine; and release from isolation and quarantine). Particularly, the Department has the authority to take any disease control measure appropriate to protect the public from the spread of infectious disease. *See* 35 P.S. §§ 521.5; 71 P.S. § 532(a); and 1402(a); 28 Pa. Code § 28.60. The Department determines that the appropriate disease control measure based upon COVID-19, the manner of its spread in the Commonwealth and in the world, and its danger to Pennsylvanians, is the closure of non-life sustaining businesses as outlined in this order to prevent and control the spread of disease.

Accordingly, the closure of non-life sustaining businesses is necessary to protect the public's health. This Order shall take effect immediately and remain in full force and effect until further notice.



Rachel Levine, MD
Secretary of Health