

City of Decatur Business Categories for the Stay At Home Order Effective March 25, 2020

This listing is provided as further guidance for interpreting the Mayor's Stay at Home Order. In the evolving pandemic, the Mayor and/or Commissioners may modify allowances related to Essential Businesses. Even for Essential Businesses, compliance with the Social Distancing Requirements of the Order is required and expected.

“Businesses” includes for-profit, non-profit, and private educational institutions

Not Considered Essential

Minimum Basic Operations only, meaning:

- *The minimum necessary activities to maintain the value of the business's inventory, ensure security, process payroll and employee benefits, or for related functions.*
- *The minimum necessary activities to facilitate employees of the business being able to continue to work remotely from their residences.*
- *These businesses can continue to mail or deliver goods and products to customers.*

- Art Galleries
- Barber Shops (at store locations)
- Beauty Supply Stores
- Bridal Salons
- Call Centers (unless providing support for an essential service)
- Car Washes
- Event Facilities
- Fitness Centers/Gyms
- Flower Shops
- Furniture Stores
- Hair Salons (at store locations)
- Jewelry Stores
- Martial Arts Studios
- Massage Studio/Spa (unless massage ordered or authorized by doctor)
- Music Venues
- Nail Salons
- Pet Groomers (at store locations)/Doggie Day Care Centers
- Photography Studios
- Places of Worship (streaming encouraged)
- Plant Nurseries (that only sell plants/flowers)
- Retail Clothing Stores
- Sporting Goods Stores
- Tattoo Parlors
- Tobacco/Vape Stores

Essential Businesses

Social Distancing is required, meaning:

- *Maintaining at least 6' social distancing from other individuals,*
 - *Washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer,*
 - *Covering coughs or sneezes (into a tissue or sleeve or elbow if tissue not available, not hands),*
 - *Regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and*
 - *Not shaking hands.*
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- Apartment Leasing Offices
 - Automobile-related (gas stations, parts, repair, sales/dealerships, service, supplies)
 - Banks
 - Blood Drives
 - Bookstores
 - Call Centers (supporting essential services)
 - Cell Phone Stores
 - Childcare Providers (specific requirements listed in Order)
 - Coffee Shop (delivery or carry-out only)
 - Construction Services related to Essential Infrastructure
 - Convenience Stores
 - Delivery Services (businesses that deliver or ship groceries, food, or services directly to home)
 - Dentists (Recommend emergency services only)
 - Drycleaners
 - Educational Institutions, including private K-12, colleges, and universities (for facilitating distance learning or performing essential functions)
 - Electricians
 - Exterminators
 - Farmer's Markets
 - Financial Institutions
 - Food Banks
 - Food Cultivation Stores (including farming, livestock, and fishing)
 - Grocery Stores (includes stores that sell groceries and products necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences)
 - Hardware Stores
 - Healthcare Operations (hospitals, clinics, doctors, dentists, pharmacies, pharmaceutical & biotechnology companies, other healthcare facilities, healthcare suppliers, home healthcare services providers, mental health providers, vision services, dermatology, veterinary services, etc.)
 - Home Services (services that allow for the safe and clean operation of homes and businesses)
 - Home-based Personal Care (for adults, children, pets or seniors)
 - Hotels/Motels

- HVAC (Heating/Cooling) Contractors
- Infrastructure (public works, construction, construction and all related activities, airport operations, water, sewer, gas, electrical, oil refining, roads and highways, public transportation, solid waste collection and removal, internet, and telecommunications systems)
- Insurance Companies, Adjusters, Agents and Related Personnel
- Janitorial Services
- Laundromats
- Laundry Service Providers
- Lawn Maintenance Services

Lawn Maintenance Services are permitted to provide essential services such as mowing the grass at residences and businesses but not perform beautification services such as flower plantings. They are permitted to remove yard waste or debris such as downed tree limbs that would be safety issues. Workers must practice social distancing, including when traveling to and from job sites. Please do not leave grass clippings at the curb because the City is not collecting yard waste during the state of emergency.

- Liquor Stores/Alcoholic Beverage Stores
- Mail & Shipping Services (including post office boxes)
- Manufacturers (if supplying other Essential Businesses)
- Media Services (newspaper, print, radio, television)
- Office Supply Stores (businesses that supply essential support or materials to work from home)
- Plumbers
- Professional Services (accounting, legal, real estate services, etc. if necessary to assist in complying with legally mandated activities)
- Residential Facilities (shared rental units and similar facilities and shelters for adults, children and seniors)
- Restaurants (delivery or carry-out only)
- Ride-hailing/Delivery Services (Lyft, Taxi, Uber)
- School Supply Stores
- Screenprinters/Sign Companies – as needed to support other essential businesses and government
- Security Companies
- Social Services (businesses providing food, shelter, and other necessities for those in need)
- Staffing Companies
- Thrift Stores
- Veterinarians
- Vitamin Stores

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