

Essential Businesses

Permissions based on Shelter in Place order by Governor/County

This is a suggestion of essential businesses based on the criteria provided by the Department of Homeland Security and the orders issued by the Governor's Office but by no means meant to serve as a standard or directive. Consult your Lee County leaders if you have questions regarding your business.

Accountants/CPAs	Permitted only when working from home or when necessary to assist with legally mandated activities or to further an Essential Business
Air Conditioning/Heat	Permitted
Animal Shelter	Permitted.
Anonymous/Support Groups (AA, NA, other 12 Step Programs)	Permitted. Social Distancing recommendations apply.
Apartment Repairs	Permitted only for the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of a residence.
Appliance Repair and Retail	Permitted only for the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of a residence.
Architecture Services	Permitted only when necessary to assist with legally mandated activities or to further an Essential Business,
Automotive Service Providers, Repair and Suppliers	Permitted.
Bars	Closed.
Bicycle Repair	Permitted.
Biopharmaceutical Companies, Research Institutions, Medical Device Companies, and Economic Development Entities.	Permitted.
Car Washes	Permitted for non contact automatic facilities and when necessary to provide service to vehicles operating as part of an Essential Business
Census workers	Permitted
Charitable Organizations	Permitted.
Chemical Supplier for Water Supply	Permitted.
Child Protective Services	Determined by State Order
Child Care or Day Care Facility	Permitted if providing services that enable individuals exempted in this Order to work as permitted.
Chiropractic Facility	Permitted.

Churches	Permitted. Religious services should be provided remotely unless they are not able to conduct service remotely. If conducted otherwise they must follow strict guidelines provided by President and CDC for hygiene, sanitation and social distancing.
Cleaning/Janitorial Services	Permitted but only when supporting essential businesses or essential business personnel. Or if the resident is physically or mentally incapable of performing necessary cleaning activities.
Clergy	Permitted. For essential support
Commercial Janitorial	Permitted only when necessary to further an Essential Business
Communications Industry - Computers & wireless	Permitted. And all jobs that support the computer industry, maintenance and repair. Customer service, installation.
Conference Facilities	Closed.
Construction Industry & Home Building	<p>Involving one of the specific types of essential and critical facilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public works construction projects • Affordable housing project • Construction of facilities for individuals experiencing homelessness • Construction of facilities that provide social services • Construction of facilities that are defined in the Order as Essential Businesses, • Essential Government Functions, or Critical Infrastructure <p>Construction of facilities specifically required by the City in response to the current COVID-19 emergency</p>
Construction of a Restaurant Which Will Provide Take-Away Once Open	Permitted.
Convenience Store	Permitted.
Cosmetology Business (Salon). Also Tattoo, piercing or cosmetology services	Closed.
Country Club	Closed.
Data Center Operators	Permitted.
Department of Motor Vehicles	Determined by State order
Dog Daycares and Boarding Facilities	Permitted only if part of healthcare operation (veterinary care)

E-Cigarettes or Cannabidiol Products	Closed
Electrical Engineers	Permitted only when working from home or when necessary to further an Essential Business
Electricians	Permitted.
Engineers	Permitted only when working from home or when necessary to further an Essential Business.
Essential Employees Commuting to Jobs in Another City/County	Permitted.
Essential Government Functions	Permitted. Includes all sworn Police Department, Fire Department, and Emergency Medical Services personnel, emergency management personnel, and emergency dispatchers; all court personnel, child protection and child welfare personnel; all military personnel; all personnel working for companies (including their subcontractors) who perform under contract to the Department of Defense providing materials and services to the Department of Defense; all personnel working for companies (including their subcontractors) who perform work under contract to State or Federal Governmental Entities for which they are required under state or federal law to remain open; and all law enforcement personnel, housing and shelter personnel, and others working for or to support Essential Businesses or Critical Infrastructure
Event Center/Venue	Closed.
Family-Owned Business	See category for type of business, not treated differently based on family owned and run.
Fast Food Drive-Thru	Permitted.
Financial Services Industry	Permitted. Includes banks and related financial institutions, consumer lenders, sales and finance lenders, credit unions, appraisers, title companies, pawnshops, entities that issue bonds, insurance companies, underwriters, agents, brokers, and related insurance claims and agents.
Fire Sprinkler Manufacturing/Installation	Permitted.
Fitness & Gyms, Exercise facilities or Retail	Closed
Food Kitchen	Permitted
Food Cultivation/Gardens	Permitted.
Funeral Service Providers	Permitted.
Gas Stations, Auto Supply and Auto Repair Facilities	Permitted.

Gun Sales	Permitted under State Attorney General Opinion.
Golf Courses	Closed.
Grocery Store	Permitted. Includes grocery stores, supermarkets, big-box stores, farmers' markets, food banks, convenience stores, liquor stores and other establishments engaged in the retail sale of canned food, dry goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, pet supplies, fresh meats, fish, and poultry, and any other household consumer products (such as cleaning and personal care products). This includes stores that sell groceries and also sell other non-grocery products, and products necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences.
Gyms	Closed.
Hardware and Supply store	Permitted.
Healthcare Facilities	Permitted. Includes caregivers, hospital and laboratories, hospitals, clinics, dentists, pharmacies, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, other healthcare facilities, healthcare suppliers, home healthcare services providers, mental health providers, and related retail sales or any related and/or ancillary healthcare services. Also includes veterinary care and all healthcare and life-saving services provided to animals.
Horseshoeing (Farriers)	Permitted only if the service is ancillary to a health care operation and necessary in the treatment of a medical condition or diagnosis by a veterinarian.
Hotels and Motels (including Short Term Rentals)	Permitted.
House Cleaning Services	Permitted but only when supporting essential businesses or essential business personnel. Or if the resident is physically or mentally incapable of performing necessary cleaning activities.
HVAC and refrigeration	Permitted.
HVAC engineers	Permitted
Information Technology	Permitted. Network Operations Command Centers, Broadcast Operations Control Centers and Security Operations Command Centers. Data center operators, engineers, security, support
Insurance Industry: Brokers and Agents	Permitted
IT Managers	Permitted
Judicial system	Permitted

Land Surveying	Permitted only when necessary to further an Essential Business
Landscaping (Commercial)	Permitted only when necessary to further an Essential Business, hospitals, nursing homes, senior living facilities
Landscaping (Residential)	Permitted only when necessary for the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences. This includes services to bring a property into compliance with the City's property maintenance regulations concerning weeds and high grass.
Law Firms	Permitted only when working from home or when necessary to assist with legally mandated activities or to further an Essential Business
Lawn Care Services	See Landscaping
Laundry Services & Dry Cleaners	Permitted.
Life Support Training	Permitted, if the training is key to the operation of a health care function, needed for health care personnel, or necessary to avoid impacts to the delivery of health care. Community-based training is not permitted.
Mail/Delivery services	Permitted.
Manufacturing (HEPA Air filters)	Permitted.
Manufacturing (Healthcare products and cleaning products)	Permitted.
Manufacturing Vinyl Records or Misc. goods	Closed.
Manufacturing of wood & paper products	Permitted
Manufacturing/Distribution of Alcohol (Distilleries or Craft Brewer)	Permitted
Massage Parlor	Closed.
Media & Radio (News)	Permitted.
Mobile Dog Grooming	Permitted if services provided are ancillary healthcare services required for an animal's condition diagnosed by a veterinarian.
Movers or Moving Supplies	Permitted.
Music Studio	Closed
Music producer for live-streams	Permitted only when working from home.
Nursing Homes, Retirement and Long-Term Care Facilities	Permitted, but no visitors allowed at retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.
Optometrist Office	Permitted.
Painting Services	Closed.

Parks (public)	People are permitted to engage in activities like visiting parks, hunting or fishing, physical activity like jogging or bicycling as long as proper hygiene procedures are upheld and precautions to minimize contact between other persons.
Party (gatherings)	Prohibited
Pay Day Lenders and Pawn Shops	Permitted.
Performing Arts Studio	Closed.
Pet Food Supply	Permitted.
Petroleum & Gas Industry	Permitted
Pharmacy	Permitted.
Pool Cleaning Industry or Pool Cleaners	Permitted.
Pools (public)	Closed.
Professional Services	Permitted. Includes legal or accounting services, insurances services, and real estate services when necessary to assist in compliance with legally mandated activities or to further Essential Businesses
Radio & Repair Services	Permitted
Real Estate Agents	Permitted only when working from home or when necessary to assist with legally mandated activities or to further an Essential Business
Real Estate Appraisers	Permitted only when working from home or when necessary to assist with legally mandated activities or to further an Essential Business
Real Estate Photographers	Closed, may work from home.
Real Estate Services	Permitted only when working from home or when necessary to assist with legally mandated activities or to further an Essential Business
Residential Facilities	Permitted.
Restaurants	Permitted for delivery or take-out only. Includes restaurants and other facilities that prepare and serve food. Schools and other entities that typically provide free food services to students or members of the public may continue to do so on the condition that the food is provided to students or members of the public on a pick-up and takeaway basis only.
Restaurants (patio or dine-in area)	Closed.
Roofing company	Permitted only when necessary to further an Essential Business
Security System Personnel	Permitted.

Semiconductor Industry and Supply Chain for Industry	Permitted.
Shelters	Permitted.
Social Gatherings / Special Events	Closed
Social Services	Permitted. Includes businesses that provide food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals.
Software Engineers	Permitted
Sport Facility	Closed.
System Administrators	Permitted.
Teachers	Permitted but for purposes of facilitating distance learning or performing other essential functions
Telephone	Permitted. And all services that support the telephone service.
Tax Preparation Services and Firms	Permitted only when working from home or when necessary to assist with legally mandated activities or to further an Essential Business
Taxi and RideShare / Transportation Network Companies	Permitted. Includes aircraft, taxis, and other private transportation providers (such as Uber and Lyft) that provide transportation services
Transportation - Vehicle	Permitted. Includes truck drivers, bus drivers, dispatchers, maintenance and repair technicians, warehouse workers, truck stop and rest area workers, Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) employees, postal service, towing/recovery services, roadside assistance workers, intermodal transportation personnel, and workers who maintain and inspect infrastructure
Transportation – Ground & Air	Permitted. Includes trains, planes, rentals and all those jobs that support them.
Towing businesses & Roadside assistance	Permitted.
Critical Trades & Utilities	Plumbers, electricians, exterminators, pool cleaners, and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences, essential activities, Essential Businesses, Essential Government Functions, or Critical Infrastructure, including but not limited to utilities such as electricity, gas, water and wastewater, and other public works.

Training Facility for Medical Personnel	Permitted.
Vape Shops that sell CBD or Products to Stop Smoking/Alternative to Smoking	Closed.
Veterinarians	Permitted
Warehouse	Permitted when necessary to further an Essential Business
Water & Wastewater	Permitted