



# COLORADO

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## Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) Guidance on Critical vs. Non-Critical Business Professions

Please consult the following lists for guidance concerning the “critical” versus “non-critical” designations of DORA-regulated professions and services in light of the COVID-19 crisis. Once you have located your professional license type, we encourage you to read any associated Executive or State-Issued Public Health Orders for further direction, and to be aware of the mended and extended Statewide [“Stay-at-Home” Order](#) issued by Governor Jared Polis, effective April 6 through April 26, 2020, as well as any county or city specific health or “stay-at-home” orders. Other COVID-related communications and notifications, separated by profession, can be found on [DORA’s website](#).

“Critical Professions” Under DORA’s Purview (Note: The following professions must still adhere to the mandates in [Executive Order D 2020 027](#) prohibiting elective, non-emergency procedures\*\*, as well as the social distancing requirements in [Amended Public Health Order 20-24](#), and apply [telehealth practices](#) as recommended by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) where possible):

**NEW:** [Executive Order D 2020 027](#), issued April 6, 2020, has extended the temporary cessation of all elective and non-essential surgeries and procedures prohibition through at least April 26, 2020. These measures were previously enacted by [Executive Order D 2020 009](#).

- Acupuncture (ONLY if providing services through a medical office or practice *and* if adhering to Executive Order D 2020 027 prohibiting elective procedures)
- Addiction Counselor
- Advanced Practice Nurse
- Anesthesiologist Assistant
- Athletic Trainer (ONLY if providing services through a medical office or practice *and* if adhering to Executive Order D 2020 027 prohibiting elective procedures)
- Audiology
- Certified Nurse Aide
- Chiropractic (ONLY if adhering to Executive Order D 2020 027 prohibiting elective procedures)

- Dental (ONLY if adhering to Executive Order D 2020 027 prohibiting elective procedures)
- Direct-Entry Midwife
- Hearing Aid Provider (ONLY if adhering to Executive Order D 2020 027 prohibiting elective procedures)
- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Marriage and Family Therapy
- Massage Therapy (ONLY if providing services through a medical office or practice *and* if adhering to Executive Order D 2020 027 prohibiting elective procedures)
- Medical
- Naturopathic Doctor (ONLY if adhering to Executive Order D 2020 027 prohibiting elective procedures)
- Nursing
- Nursing Home Administrator
- Occupational Therapy (ONLY if adhering to Executive Order D 2020 027 prohibiting elective procedures)
- Optometry (ONLY if adhering to Executive Order D 2020 027 prohibiting elective procedures)
- Osteopath
- Pharmacist
- Pharmacy Intern
- Pharmacy Technician
- Physical Therapy (ONLY if adhering to Executive Order D 2020 027 prohibiting elective procedures)
- Physician
- Podiatry
- Professional Counselor
- Psychology
- Psychiatric Technician
- Registered Psychotherapy
- Respiratory Therapy
- Social Work
- Speech-Language Pathology (ONLY if adhering to Executive Order D 2020 027 prohibiting elective procedures)
- Surgical Assistant and Surgical Technology
- Veterinary

**\*\*Note:** Rural and critical access hospitals are exempt from this Order, but are strongly advised to comply on a voluntary basis. Rural and critical access hospitals are, however, directed to comply with CDC guidelines for PPE preservation. Please refer directly to the order for further clarification in this area.

**Non-Critical Personal Services Professions (Must adhere to the mandates in [Public Health Order 20-22](#) regarding cessation of business activity, whether operating out of a business or a home):**

- Acupuncture (operating in a NON-medical practice)
- Athletic Trainer (operating in a NON-medical practice)
- Barber
- Cosmetologist
- Cosmetology Salon
- Dental Hygienist
- Esthetician
- Hair Stylist
- Massage Therapist (operating in a NON-medical practice)
- Nail Technician

**Critical, Non-Healthcare-Related Services Professions (Allowed to Operate in Compliance with [Executive Order D 2020 024](#) and [Amended Public Health Order 20-24](#)):**

- Appraisal Management Company
- Architect (if role cannot be performed remotely)
- Accountancy Firm
- Accountant (if role cannot be performed remotely)
- Bail Bonding Agents
- Banks
- Call and Demand Transportation Service (depending on need)
- Community Association Manager (if role cannot be performed remotely)
- Credit Unions
- Electrical Apprentice
- Electrical Contractor
- Electrician
- Electric Utilities
- Fire Crew Transport
- Funeral Home and Crematory
- Gas Pipeline Safety
- Hazardous Materials
- Homeowners Association
- Household Goods Movers (depending on nature of the job)
- Insurance Agents (Producers) (if role cannot be performed remotely)
- Insurance Companies
- Insurance Intermediaries (Public Adjusters) (if role cannot be performed remotely)
- Investment Adviser

- Investment Adviser Representative (if role cannot be performed remotely)
- Medicaid Client Transportation
- Money Transmitters
- Mortgage Broker Dealer
- Mortgage Loan Originator
- Natural Gas
- Nontransplant Tissue Banks
- Plumber
- Plumber Apprentice
- Plumber Contractor
- Professional Engineer (if role cannot be performed remotely)
- Professional Land Surveyor (if role cannot be performed remotely)
- Rail
- Real Estate Appraiser
- Real Estate Broker (for the purpose of completing real estate transactions)
- Savings and Loan Association
- Securities Broker Dealer
- Securities Sales Representative (if role cannot be performed remotely)
- Shuttle Service (with limits)
- Single Trip Hazmat
- Steam
- Taxi
- Telecommunications
- Title Insurance
- Tow Trucks
- Towing Carrier
- Transportation Network Company
- Trust Company
- Water Conditioning Contractor, Installer, and Principal
- Water Utilities
- Wholesale Drug Outlet

**Non-Critical Services Professions (Subject to [“Stay-at-Home” Order](#) as of March 26, 2020):**

- Boxing Official
- Boxing Promoter
- Combative Sports (see also [Public Health Order 20-23](#))
- Charter Scenic Buses

- Charter Services
- Children's Activity Buses
- Fantasy Contest
- Kickboxer
- Kickboxing Official
- Land Surveyor Intern
- Luxury Limousines
- Mixed Martial Arts Contestant
- Off Road Charter
- Outfitter
- Passenger Tramway
- Preneed Contract Seller (Funeral)
- Private Investigator
- Subdivision Developer

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For the most up-to-date information related to COVID-19, including Governor's announcements and Public Health Orders issued by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), please regularly visit <https://covid19.colorado.gov>.