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**Department of
Regulatory Agencies**

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>.