

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

On this day, April 20, 2020, I hereby amend my Order dated March 19, 2020, as subsequently amended, regarding the “Closure of All Businesses That Are Not Life Sustaining.”

The first numbered paragraph of that Order is deleted in its entirety and amended to read as follows:

- 1) 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 unless the business has been designated to conduct operations as described below. 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 described by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to protect workers and patrons and, as applicable, the requirements of the “Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Directing Building Safety Measures” issued April 6, 2020, and the “Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Directing Public Health Safety Measures for Businesses Permitted to Maintain In-person Operations” issued April 15, 2020.

The following businesses are authorized to conduct operations in the manner described, as long as they follow, at a minimum, the aforementioned guidance and Orders:

- A. Online motor vehicle sales are authorized to commence statewide immediately;
- B. The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board is authorized to commence curbside pickup sales statewide immediately;
- C. Limited construction activity is authorized to commence in-person operations statewide beginning on May 8, 2020.

A list of businesses that may open or remain open is attached to and incorporated into this Order.

Enforcement actions previously commenced against businesses that are out of compliance on March 23, 2020 at 8:00 a.m., and enforcement of this Order is ongoing.

This Amendment is effective immediately. The March 19, 2020 Order, as amended, remains unchanged in every other respect.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'Q' followed by two '2's and the letters 'MD'.

Rachel Levine, MD
Secretary of Health