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Coronavirus: Identifying Essential Workers under Louisiana's Stay-at-Home Order

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On March 22, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued a "Stay at Home" order that will take effect at 5:00 PM on Monday, March 23, 2020. The Order directs residents to shelter at home and intends to limit unnecessary movement to non-essential services. The Order is available [here](#). Essential workers are permitted to continue to work, and are identified below:

1. Section 3(C) of the Order identifying various essential workers refers to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and outlines groups of essential workers [here](#); and
2. The Governor issued further guidance that broadened the scope of essential workers under the Order and clarifies that suppliers to essential businesses and operations are likewise essential. Guidance is available [here](#).

There are now numerous categories of essential workers and services, but this situation is evolving rapidly, and the Order itself is somewhat ambiguous, although its goal is to permit essential businesses and their necessary support functions. If you have any questions about whether your business or any of its employees are essential workers, or need guidance on ensuring their ability to travel from home to work or throughout Louisiana on business, please contact [Noah Kressler](#). Also, please visit the [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): What you Need to Know](#) information page on our website.