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Alaska – LBM Suppliers Deemed Essential

Article

In the Alaska Critical Workforce Infrastructure listing LBM suppliers are deemed essential per the following sections:

k. Hardware Stores

r. Businesses that supply other essential businesses with the support or supplies necessary to operate;

*construction is considered essential in section b.

Following pages include:

Version 2 of the listing, which was amended on March 26, 2020

The WBMA Office is not classified as an essential business, however we are working remotely and available to return messages and phone calls. We will continue to monitor COVID-19 as it relates to the LBM industry and provide updates as they develop.

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Functioning critical infrastructure is imperative during the response to the COVID-19 emergency for both public health and safety as well as community well-being. Certain critical infrastructure industries have a special responsibility in these times to continue operations. At this time, critical industries and entities in Alaska include:

- a. “Healthcare Operations” including hospitals, clinics, dental emergency services, pharmacies, other healthcare facilities, home healthcare services providers, mental health providers, companies and institutions involved in the research and development, manufacture, distribution, warehousing, and supplying of pharmaceuticals, biotechnology therapies, consumer health products, medical devices, diagnostics, equipment, services, or any related and/or ancillary healthcare services. “Healthcare Operations” also includes veterinary care and healthcare services provided to animals. “Healthcare Operations” does not include fitness and exercise gyms and similar facilities.
- b. Businesses providing any services or performing any work necessary to the operations and maintenance of “Essential Infrastructure,” including, but not limited to, the Port of Alaska, public works construction, construction of housing , airport operations, water, sewer, gas, electrical, oil production, mining, logging, roads and highways, public transportation, solid waste collection and removal, internet, and telecommunications systems (including the provision of essential global, national, and local infrastructure for computing services, business infrastructure, communications, and web-based services).
- c. Financial services sector, which includes workers who are needed to process and maintain systems for processing financial transactions and services, such as payment, clearing and settlement services, wholesale funding, insurance services, and capital markets activities; to provide consumer access to banking and lending services, including ATMs, movement of currency (e.g. armored cash carriers); support financial operations, such as those staffing data and security operations centers; appraisals and titling; and, key third-party providers who deliver core services.
- d. First responders, emergency management personnel, emergency dispatchers, court personnel, and law enforcement personnel are critical.
- e. Individuals providing “Essential Governmental Functions” are critical. “Essential Government Functions” means all services needed to ensure the continuing operation of government agencies and provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the public. This includes Department of Defense personnel returning from temporary duty or engaging in mission essential travel.
- f. Grocery stores, supermarkets, food banks, convenience stores, and other establishments engaged in the retail sale of food and 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;
- g. Food and agriculture, company cafeterias, cultivation, including farming, livestock, and fishing;

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- h. Businesses that provide food, shelter, social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals;
- i. Newspapers, television, radio, and other media services;
- j. Gas stations and auto-supply, auto-repair, bicycle-repair, and related facilities;
- k. Hardware stores;
- l. Plumbers, electricians, exterminators, and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences, Essential Activities, and Essential Businesses;
- m. Businesses providing mailing and shipping services, including post office boxes;
- n. Educational institutions facilitating distance learning;
- o. Laundromats, dry cleaners, and laundry service providers;
- p. Restaurants and other facilities that prepare and serve food, but only for delivery or carry out under the restrictions set forth in COVID-19 Health Mandate 003, issued March 17, 2020;
- q. Businesses that supply products needed for people to work from home;
- r. Businesses that supply other essential businesses with the support or supplies necessary to operate;
- s. Businesses that transport goods to grocery stores, supermarkets, convenience stores, engaged in the retail sale of food, household consumer products, delivery of fuel, or other services directly to residences or other critical industries outlined in this health mandate.
- t. Airlines, railroads, taxis, and other private transportation providers providing transportation services;
- u. Home-based care for seniors, adults, or children;
- v. Residential facilities and shelters for seniors, adults, and children;
- w. Professional services, such as legal or accounting services, when necessary to assist in compliance with legally-mandated activities;
- x. Childcare facilities, subject to new recommendations for increased hygiene and social distancing. Childcare facilities should be used only by those who need childcare to work at a critical job.