

Maryland (updated March 31, 2020)

Gov. Hogan issued a Stay at Home Order on March 30, 2020, effective at 8 p.m. The order states that no Maryland resident should leave their home unless it is for an essential job or for an essential reason. Essential businesses must make every effort to scale down their operations in order to reduce the number of required staff, to limit interactions with customers, and to institute telework for as much of the workforce as is practical. No Marylander is to be traveling outside of the state unless such travel is absolutely necessary.

The order did not change what businesses are deemed essential or nonessential. Commercial and residential construction can continue in Maryland. Maryland follows the federal guidance published by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security pertaining to essential businesses (currently described at <https://cisa.gov/identifying-critical-infrastructure-during-covid-19>). The Maryland Office of Legal Counsel issued Interpretative Guidance pertaining to Gov. Hogan's prior March 23, 2020 Executive Order which was not a shelter-in-place order but prohibited large gatherings and required closing of non-essential businesses and other establishments. The Interpretive Guidance issued on March 23, 2020 by the Maryland Office of Legal Counsel, states specifically under the Commercial Facilities Sector (which is one of the 16 essential sectors identified in the CISA guidance) that the sector includes: "building and property maintenance companies, including without limitation plumbers, HVAC service companies, roofers, environmental services companies, exterminators, arborists, and landscapers" and "commercial and residential construction companies."

Per Gov. Hogan's March 23, 2020 Executive Order, all non-essential businesses were closed to the general public as of 5:00 pm on March 23, 2020. Gatherings of more than 10 people are prohibited. Gov. Hogan's Executive Order remains in effective until rescinded or superseded.