



“Safer At Home:” Who Qualifies as Essential Staff

What is “Safer at Home?”

- All “non-essential” (defined below) businesses and shopping centers will be closed.
- Public and private gatherings of 10 or more people are forbidden. All other gatherings must include social distancing measures and handwashing stations or hand sanitizer.

Who from my staff can still come to work?

Thanks to BOMA/GLA’s advocacy efforts in coordination with our Government Affairs Committee, many of your employees and service providers can continue to conduct essential work that keeps your buildings safe and operable. These employees include:

- Property managers
- Custodial/janitorial workers
- Security personnel and “other service providers who provide services to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation to properties and Essential Businesses.” This would include engineers, elevator technicians, parking personnel, and others necessary to ensure proper day-to-day building operations
- Plumbers
- Electricians
- Exterminators
- Handyman services
- Moving services
- HVAC installers
- Carpenters
- Vegetation services, tree maintenance, landscapers, and gardeners

Please note: Buildings are still expected to implement social distancing measures so staff remains six feet apart at all times and no more than nine individuals are in a room at once. The County is also expecting building operators to have easy access to hand-washing stations and/or hand sanitizer.

What other steps do I need to take?

- You will be required to have clearly displayed signage that individuals should not enter your building if they are experiencing any symptoms of illness – especially a cough or respiratory issues.
- You are strongly encouraged to have signage reminding tenants to adhere to social distancing practices and routinely wash their hands.



What “Essential” Businesses Can Remain Open Within Your Buildings?

- Food providers – grocery and convenience stores, restaurants (take-out/delivery only), and other establishments that sell food goods.
- Media services.
- Banks and other important financial institutions.
- Post office and shipping services.
- Laundromats, dry cleaners, and other laundry services.
- Businesses who supply office and computer products to enable people to work from home.
- Businesses that ship, truck, provide logistical support or deliver groceries, food, goods or services directly to residences, Essential Businesses, Healthcare Operations, Essential Infrastructure.
- Professional services, such as legal or accounting services, when necessary to assist in compliance with legally mandated activities. Also services essential to the permitting, inspection, construction, transfer and recording of ownership, of housing.
- Many defense contractors -- any work deemed essential for national security including defense, intelligence, and aerospace development.
- Hotels and motels.
- Businesses that supply or Essential Businesses so they can operate.