COVID-19 Guidance - Update #4

30 March 2020

NDU Colleagues,

Attached for your information are the of stay-at-home orders issued today by Virginia and Maryland Governors. News is reporting that Washington DC has issued a similar stay-at-home order that goes into effect at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, but I don't yet have a copy of that order to share.

The MD and VA Executive Orders have been reviewed by legal for impact upon government functions. Neither the Virginia nor Maryland Executive Orders prevent NDU employees or contractors from going to their assigned work place. If they are stopped by law enforcement personnel on their way to or from their workplace, they should present their CAC/PIV identification card and explain that they are going to work in support of government operations. News reporting on the Washington DC stay-at-home order reports a similar caveat for government employees which we'll confirm tomorrow.

Please note that for the vast majority of our people, "their assigned place of work" remains their telework location, and my guidance to supervisors remains to employ workplace flexibility authorities to reduce to the absolute minimum the need for our people to populate our campuses.

If and when our installation commanders declare HPCON D, personnel will have to have been identified as Essential/Vital to be afforded access to our bases. So I again encourage you all to ensure you are ready to continue our mission without access to our physical facilities on North and South Campuses.

Please continue to care of yourselves and your families. Stay home, practice social distancing, wash your hands often, avoid touching your face and communicate with your subordinates, peers and your leadership team. Your diligent efforts are making a difference; to date we still have only the one report of a teammate with a positive COVID-19 test result - the same as I reported to you on 21 March. I'll look forward to providing you a more complete update at my virtual Town Hall scheduled for 1200 on Thursday, April 2nd.

Thank you again for the All Hands effort that continues to deliver our academic programs while staying safe through these challenging circumstances.

v/r FJR

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ORDER
OF THE
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND
NUMBER 20-03-30-01

AMENDING AND RESTATING THE ORDER OF MARCH 23, 2020, PROHIBITING LARGE GATHERINGS AND EVENTS AND CLOSING SENIOR CENTERS, AND ALL NON-ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES AND OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS, AND ADDITIONALLY REQUIRING ALL PERSONS TO STAY AT HOME

WHEREAS, A state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency was proclaimed on March 5, 2020, and renewed on March 17, 2020, to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the state, and the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency still exists;

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death, is a public health catastrophe and has been confirmed throughout Maryland;

WHEREAS, To reduce the spread of COVID-19, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Maryland Department of Health recommend canceling large gatherings and social distancing in smaller gatherings;

WHEREAS, The currently known and available scientific evidence and best practices support limitations on large gatherings and social distancing to prevent exposures and transmissions, and reduce the threat to especially vulnerable populations, including older individuals and those with chronic health conditions;

WHEREAS, To reduce the threat to human health caused by transmission of the novel coronavirus in Maryland, and to protect and save lives, it is necessary and reasonable that individuals in the state refrain from congregating;

WHEREAS, To protect the public health, welfare, and safety, prevent the transmission of the novel coronavirus, control the spread of COVID-19,
and save lives, it is necessary to control and direct the movement of individuals in Maryland, including those on the public streets;

WHEREAS, It is further necessary to control and direct in Maryland the occupancy and use of buildings and premises, as well as places of amusement and assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Response Team will continue to advise on related public health and emergency management decisions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO TITLE 14 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE, AND IN AN EFFORT TO CONTROL AND PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 WITHIN THE STATE, DO HEREBY ORDER:

I. The Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland, dated March 12, 2020, entitled “Prohibiting Large Gatherings and Events and Closing Senior Centers,” as amended and restated on March 16, 2020, and further amended and restated on March 19, 2020 by Order Number 20-03-19-01, and further amended and restated on March 23, 2020 by Order Number 20-03-29-01, is further amended and restated in its entirety as set forth herein.

II. Stay-at-Home Order.

a. All persons living in the State of Maryland are hereby ordered, effective as of 8:00 p.m. on March 30, 2020, to stay in their homes or places of residences (“Homes”) except:

   i. to conduct or participate in Essential Activities (defined below);
   
   ii. staff and owners of businesses and organizations that are not required to close pursuant to paragraph IV or paragraph V below may travel:

      1. between their Homes and those businesses and organizations; and

      2. to and from customers for the purpose of delivering goods or performing services; and

   iii. staff and owners of Non-Essential Businesses (defined below) may travel:

      1. between their Homes and those Non-Essential Businesses for the purpose of engaging in Minimal Operations; and

      2. to and from customers for the purpose of delivering goods.

b. As used herein, “Essential Activities” means:
i. Obtaining necessary supplies or services for one’s self, family, household members, pets, or livestock, including, without limitation: groceries, supplies for household consumption or use, supplies and equipment needed to work from home, laundry, and products needed to maintain safety, sanitation, and essential maintenance of the home or residence;

ii. Engaging in activities essential for the health and safety of one’s self, family, household members, pets, or livestock, including such things as seeking medical or behavior health or emergency services, and obtaining medication or medical supplies;

iii. Caring for a family member, friend, pet, or livestock in another household or location, including, without limitation, transporting a family member, friend, pet, or livestock animal for essential health and safety activities, and to obtain necessary supplies and services;

iv. Traveling to and from an educational institution for purposes of receiving meals or instructional materials for distance learning;

v. Engaging in outdoor exercise activities, such as walking, hiking, running, or biking, but only in compliance with paragraph III below and applicable social distancing guidance published by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) and the Maryland Department of Health (“MDH”);

vi. Travel required by a law enforcement officer or court order; or

vii. Traveling to and from a federal, State, or local government building for a necessary purpose.

III. Gatherings Large Than 10 Persons Prohibited.

a. Social, community, spiritual, religious, recreational, leisure, and sporting gatherings and events (“large gatherings and events”) of more than 10 people are hereby prohibited at all locations and venues, including but not limited to parades, festivals, conventions, and fundraisers.

b. Planned large gatherings and events must be canceled or postponed until after termination of the state of emergency and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded.

IV. Closure of Non-Essential Businesses, Generally.

a. This Order controls the occupancy and use of all businesses, organizations, establishments, and facilities that are not part of the critical infrastructure sectors identified by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (currently described at
(collectively, “Non-Essential Businesses”).

b. Subject to paragraph IV.c, all Non-Essential Businesses shall remain closed to the general public.

c. Staff and owners may continue to be on-site at Non-Essential Businesses for only the following purposes (“Minimal Operations”):

   i. Facilitating remote working (a/k/a/ telework) by other staff;

   ii. Maintaining essential property;

   iii. Preventing loss of, or damage to property, including without limitation, preventing spoilage of perishable inventory;

   iv. Performing essential administrative functions, including without limitation, picking up mail and processing payroll;

   v. Caring for live animals; and

   vi. In the case of Non-Essential Businesses that are retail establishments, continuing to sell retail products on a delivery basis.

d. All businesses, organizations, establishments, and facilities that are required to close pursuant to paragraph V, pursuant to any other Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland or any other Order of a political subdivision, shall be and remain closed in accordance with paragraph V or such other Order, as the case may be.

V. Closure of Certain Specific Businesses, Organizations, and Facilities.

   a. Senior Centers. All senior citizen activities centers (as defined in Section 10-501(i) of the Human Services Article of the Maryland Code) shall remain closed until after termination of the state of emergency and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded.

   b. Restaurants and Bars.

      i. This Order controls the occupancy and use of restaurants, bars, and other similar establishments that sell food or beverages for consumption on-premises in Maryland (“Restaurants and Bars”). This Order does not apply to food or beverage services in health care facilities, which are expressly excluded from the definition of “Restaurants and Bars.”

      ii. All Restaurants and Bars shall remain closed to the general public, except that, to the extent permitted by applicable law, and in accordance with any social-distancing recommendations of MDH, food and beverages may be:
1. sold if such food or beverages are promptly taken from the premises, i.e., on a carry-out or drive-through basis; or

2. delivered to customers off the premises.

c. **Fitness Centers.**

i. This Order controls the occupancy and use of fitness centers, health clubs, health spas, gyms, aquatic centers, and self-defense schools in Maryland (“Fitness Centers”).

ii. All Fitness Centers shall remain closed to the general public, except that the portion of any Fitness Center that is licensed or otherwise permitted by applicable law, regulation, or order to provide child care services may remain open to the general public for the purpose of continuing to provide such child care services.

d. **Theaters.**

i. This Order controls the occupancy and use of theatres in Maryland at which live performances occur or motion pictures are shown (“Theaters”).

ii. All Theaters shall remain closed to the general public.

e. **Malls.**

i. This Order controls the occupancy and use of shopping centers in Maryland that have one or more enclosed pedestrian concourses (“Enclosed Malls”).

ii. The following portions of Enclosed Malls shall remain closed to the general public:

1. pedestrian concourses and other interior common areas open to the general public, including without limitation, food courts; and

2. retail establishments only accessible to the general public from enclosed pedestrian concourses or other interior areas.

iii. This paragraph V.e does not require closure of retail establishments attached to Enclosed Malls that are directly accessible from the outside.

iv. Notwithstanding paragraph V.e.ii, local governments may approve access by the general public to the following parts of Enclosed Malls:

1. retail establishments (a) that primarily sell groceries or pharmacy products, or (b) at which licensed professionals provide health care services; and
2. pedestrian concourses and other interior common areas, but solely to the extent necessary for the general public to access the retail establishments described in paragraph V.e.iv.1.

f. **Other Recreational Establishments.**

i. This Order controls the occupancy and use of the following establishments in Maryland (“Recreational Establishments”):

1. bingo halls;
2. bowling alleys;
3. pool halls;
4. amusement parks;
5. roller and ice skating rinks;
6. all golf courses (public and private), miniature golf establishments, and driving ranges;
7. social and fraternal clubs, including without limitation, American Legion posts, VFW posts, and Elks Clubs;
8. campgrounds; and
9. any other establishment not listed above that is subject to the admission and amusement tax under Title 4 of the Tax-General Article of the Maryland Code.

ii. All Recreational Establishments are hereby closed to the general public (including members, in the case of private clubs), effective as of 5:00 p.m. on March 30, 2020 (or shall remain closed, if closed by a prior Order).

g. **Other Miscellaneous Establishments.**

i. This Order controls the occupancy and use of the following establishments in Maryland:

1. tattoo parlors;
2. tanning salons;
3. barber shops; and
4. beauty salons and all other establishments that provide esthetic services, provide hair services, or provide nail services (as described in Title 5, Subtitle 2 of the Business Occupations Article of the Maryland Code).

ii. The establishments listed in paragraph V.g.i above shall remain closed to the general public.

VI. **Specific Exclusions.** For avoidance of doubt:

a. This Order does not require the closure of, or prohibit the movement of any staff or volunteer traveling to, from, or in connection with their duties at any:
i. Any federal, State, or local government unit, building, or facility;  
ii. Any newspaper, television, radio, or other media service; or  
iii. Any non-profit organization or facility providing essential services to low-income persons, including, without limitation, homeless shelters, food banks, and soup kitchens.

b. Paragraph II of this Order does not apply to:

i. Persons whose homes or residences have become unsafe, such as victims of domestic violence; and

ii. Persons who are experiencing homelessness, but governmental and other entities are strongly encouraged to make shelter available for such persons to the maximum extent practicable, in a manner consistent with the social distancing guidelines of the CDC and MDH.

VII. Government Buildings and Facilities with Large Occupancy or Attendance.

a. State and local government buildings and facilities with an expected occupancy or attendance of more than 10 people shall:

i. Promptly and conspicuously post in the building or facility a copy of the MDH recommendations for social distancing; and

ii. Provide all occupants and attendees with the capability to wash their hands.

b. A copy of this Order shall be made available to all occupants or attendees at any State or local government building and facility with an expected occupancy or attendance of more than 10 people.

VIII. General Provisions.

a. Each law enforcement officer of the State or a political subdivision shall execute and enforce this Order.

b. A person who knowingly and willfully violates this Order is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding one year or a fine not exceeding $5,000 or both.

c. This Order remains effective until after termination of the state of emergency and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded, or until rescinded, superseded, amended, or revised by additional orders.

d. The effect of any statute, rule, or regulation of an agency of the State or a political subdivision inconsistent with this order is hereby suspended.

e. The underlined paragraph headings in this Order are for convenience of reference
only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Order.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND THIS 30TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020, AND EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor
TEMPORARY STAY AT HOME ORDER
DUE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

To reinforce the Commonwealth’s response to COVID-19 and in furtherance of Executive Orders 51 (March 12, 2020) and 53 (March 23, 2020) and by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V, Section 7 of the Constitution of Virginia, by § 44-146.17 of the Code of Virginia, I order the following:

1. All individuals in Virginia shall remain at their place of residence, except as provided below by this Order and Executive Order 53. To the extent individuals use shared or outdoor spaces, whether on land or on water, they must at all times maintain social distancing of at least six feet from any other person, with the exception of family or household members or caretakers. Individuals may leave their residences for the purpose of:

   a. Obtaining food, beverages, goods, or services as permitted in Executive Order 53;

   b. Seeking medical attention, essential social services, governmental services, assistance from law enforcement, or emergency services;

   c. Taking care of other individuals, animals, or visiting the home of a family member;

   d. Traveling required by court order or to facilitate child custody, visitation, or child care;

   e. Engaging in outdoor activity, including exercise, provided individuals comply with social distancing requirements;

   f. Traveling to and from one’s residence, place of worship, or work;
g. Traveling to and from an educational institution;

h. Volunteering with organizations that provide charitable or social services; and

i. Leaving one’s residence due to a reasonable fear for health or safety, at the direction of law enforcement, or at the direction of another government agency.

2. All public and private in-person gatherings of more than ten individuals are prohibited. This includes parties, celebrations, religious, or other social events, whether they occur indoor or outdoor. This restriction does not apply:

a. To the operation of businesses not required to close to the public under Executive Order 53; or

b. To the gathering of family members living in the same residence.

3. Institutions of higher education shall cease all in-person classes and instruction, and cancel all gatherings of more than ten individuals. For purposes of facilitating remote learning, performing critical research, or performing essential functions, institutions of higher education may continue to operate, provided that social distancing requirements are maintained.

4. Effective April 1, 2020 at 11:59 p.m., cessation of all reservations for overnight stays of less than 14 nights at all privately-owned campgrounds, as defined in § 35.1-1 of the Code of Virginia.

5. Closure of all public beaches as defined in § 10.1-705 of the Code of Virginia for all activity, except exercising and fishing. Social distancing requirements must be followed.

6. All relevant state agencies shall continue to work with all housing partners to execute strategies to protect the health, safety, and well-being of Virginians experiencing homelessness during this pandemic and to assist Virginians in avoiding evictions or foreclosures.

7. As provided in Executive Order 53, nothing in this Order shall limit: (a) the provision of health care or medical services; (b) access to essential services for low-income residents, such as food banks; (c) the operations of the media; (d) law enforcement agencies; or (e) the operation of government.

Violation of paragraphs 2, 3, 4, and 5 of this Order shall be a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 44-146.17 of the Code of Virginia.
Effective Date of this Executive Order

This Executive Order shall be effective March 30, 2020, amends Amended Order of the Governor and State Health Commissioner Declaration of Public Health Emergency, Order of Public Health Emergency One and Executive Order 53, and shall remain in full force and in effect until June 10, 2020, unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 30th day of March, 2020.

Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth
GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUANCE SYSTEM

Mayor's Order 2020-054
March 30, 2020

SUBJECT: Stay at Home Order

ORIGINATING AGENCY: Office of the Mayor


I. BACKGROUND

1. This Order is issued based on the increasing number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 within Washington, DC, and throughout the metropolitan Washington region. Scientific evidence and public health practices show that the most effective approach to slowing the community transmission of communicable diseases like COVID-19 is through social distancing. The age and health of a significant portion of the population of Washington, DC, places thousands of residents at risk for serious health complications, including death, from COVID-19.


3. The findings of prior COVID-19 Mayor’s Orders are incorporated here by reference.

4. Because of the risk of the rapid spread of the virus, and the need to protect all members of Washington, DC, and the region, especially residents most vulnerable to suffering the prolonged illness or death from the virus, and local health care providers and first responders, this Order requires all individuals anywhere in Washington, DC, to stay in their residences except to perform essential activities, engage in essential business, provide or obtain essential government services, or engage certain authorized recreational activities not involving close contact with other persons.

5. The intent of this Order is to:

a. Keep the maximum number of people in their residences to the maximum extent feasible, consistent with protecting their own health and the health of others, while enabling essential activities, government services, and business to continue;

b. Significantly slow the spread of COVID-19;


d. Protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Washington, DC, and other individuals located in Washington, DC;

e. Allow essential activities, businesses, and government services to operate and be delivered in relative safety; and

f. To preserve a sphere of personal freedom by allowing outside recreational activities under conditions designed to minimize health risks.

II. ORDER TO STAY AT HOME

1. a. All individuals living in Washington, DC, are ordered to stay at their place of residence, except as specified in this Order.

   b. Individuals experiencing homelessness are exempt from the provisions of section II.1.a., but are strongly urged to obtain shelter, and District agencies shall, and other public and private entities are strongly urged to,
make such shelter available as soon as possible and to the extent practicable, and to use COVID-19 risk mitigation practices in their operations. The District’s 24-hour shelter hotline shall remain open and accessible at 202-399-7093.

2. Individuals may leave their residences (including their porches and yards) only to engage in Essential Activities including obtaining medical care that cannot be provided through telehealth and obtaining food and essential household goods; to perform or access Essential Governmental Functions; to work at Essential Businesses; to engage in Essential Travel; or engage in Allowable Recreational Activities, as defined in section IV of this Order.

3. Individuals shall not linger in common areas of apartment buildings and shall not use buildings’ facilities, such as gyms, party rooms, lounges, rooftop, or courtyard spaces. Such spaces are unlikely to be disinfected often and could otherwise exposed individuals to the COVID-19 virus.

4. Leaving home for the purposes of engaging in Essential Business Activities or the Minimum Business Operations of businesses not deemed Essential in Mayor’s Order 2020-053 is permissible, and persons are allowed to obtain and provide home-based services so long as the services do not involve physical touching and may be carried out in compliance with the Social Distancing Requirements, as defined in section IV.8 of this Order.

5. When engaging in Essential Travel, the following requirements and restrictions shall apply:

   a. Individuals using public transportation to engage in Essential Travel must comply with the Social Distancing Requirements defined in subsection IV.8 of this Order, to the greatest extent feasible. Entry through the back door of any bus or van with a back door is encouraged for the protection of the drivers.

   b. Drivers of ride-sharing vehicles engaged in Essential Travel must have disinfecting wipes in their vehicles and must wipe down all surfaces potentially touched by a passenger after each ride. Drivers of ride-sharing vehicles may not have more than two (2) other persons in their vehicle at any time.

   c. Individuals using shared personal mobility devices such as scooters and bicycles are strongly encouraged to bring their own disinfecting wipes and wipe down the parts of the device they touch before and after riding.

   d. Public and private transit officials shall make provisions for frequently disinfecting buses, subway cars, and any other vehicles they operate, to the highest feasible standards.
6. Under any of the limited circumstances in which an individual is allowed to leave their residence under this Order, the individual shall comply with the Social Distancing Requirements defined in section IV.8 of this Order, to the maximum extent possible.

7. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Order, an individual who is suspected or confirmed to be infected with COVID-19 or any other transmissible infectious disease shall not be outside their residence except as necessary to seek or receive medical care in accordance with guidance from public health officials or their health care provider.

III. OPERATION OF ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES & MINIMUM BUSINESS OPERATIONS

1. The provisions of Mayor’s Order 2020-053 regarding which businesses are essential; promoting telework; and allowing Minimum Business Operations of Non-Essential Businesses and subsequent guidance published on coronavirus.dc.gov remain in effect.

2. Additionally, at any time, the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) may request and an Essential Business must provide, its plans for complying with the requirement to minimize person-to-person contact and achieve to the greatest extent feasible, Social Distancing.

3. Likewise, Non-Essential Businesses conducting Minimum Business Operations pursuant to Mayor’s Order 2020-053 or fuller operations under a Waiver granted by HSEMA may be asked to show their operational plan and why the activities they are conducting, and how they are conducting them, fit within allowable limits.

4. The DCRA may impose penalties including summary closure of businesses, subject to subsequent hearings at the Office of Administrative Hearings; Notices of Infractions and Orders to Show Cause why a Business Should not be Closed; Notices of Infractions and Penalties of up to $1,000 per day for violations per site operating in violation of this Order or Mayor’s Order 2020-053; and penalties of up to $5,000 per day per site for operation after an Order to close, or a visit by an inspector that resulted in a warning or a request to close, that was immediately complied with.

5. Any Essential Business or Government Building or Facility that remains open to the public with an expected occupancy or attendance of more than ten (10) people shall promptly and conspicuously post in the building or facility a copy of the requirements for social distancing found on the coronavirus.dc.gov website as may be amended from time to time by the District of Columbia Department of Health (DC Health).

6. These penalties are in addition to any that may be imposed by the Alcohol
Beverage Control Administration, including revocation of liquor licenses or permission for delivery services.

IV. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Order, the following terms shall mean:

1. "Allowable Recreational Activities" means outdoor activity with household members that complies with Social Distancing Requirements, as defined in section IV.8 of this Order, and includes the sanitizing of any equipment used both before and after the activity. Outdoor activities should not be conducted with persons other than those from one’s own household.

   **Examples:** Walking, hiking, running, dog-walking, biking, rollerblading, scootering, skateboarding, playing tennis, golfing, gardening, and other activities where all participants comply with Social Distancing Requirements and there is no person-to-person contact.

2. "Essential Activities" means:

   a. Engaging in an activity or performing a task essential to an individual’s own health or safety, or to the health or safety of the individual’s family or household members, including pets.

      **Examples:** Obtaining medical supplies or medication; visiting a health care professional; or obtaining supplies needed to work from home.

   b. Obtaining services or supplies for an individual’s own self or the individual’s family or household members; or delivering those services or supplies to others that are necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and operation of residences.

   c. Performing work providing essential products and services at an Essential Business or otherwise carrying out activities specifically permitted in this Order, including Minimum Basic Operations.

   d. Caring for a family member or pet in another household or serving as a caregiver providing essential services to another. Caregiving involves more than companionship or entertainment, but rather helps a person with activities of daily living, the supervision of children, or otherwise tends to the immediate physical needs and safety of someone who cannot attend to those needs for him or herself.

   e. Providing or obtaining services at a Health Care Operation.
i. For purposes of this Order, the term “Health Care Operation” includes hospitals, clinics, dentists, pharmacies, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, other health care facilities, health care suppliers, home health care and assisted living services, mental health providers, or any related and/or ancillary health care services.

ii. The term “Health Care Operation” also includes veterinary care and all health care services provided to animals.

iii. This authorization shall be construed broadly to avoid any impacts to the delivery of health care, broadly defined.

iv. The term “Health Care Operation” does not include fitness facilities, exercise gyms, spas, massage parlors, or other similar facilities.

f. Providing any services or performing any work necessary to the operations and maintenance of Essential Infrastructure.

i. For purposes of this Order, the term “Essential Infrastructure” includes critical or emergency public works or utilities construction, construction, solid waste collection and removal by private and public entities, telecommunications services; provided, that an individual shall provide these services and perform this work in compliance with the Social Distancing Requirements as defined in section IV.8 of this Order, to the extent possible.

ii. Other infrastructure and construction activity may be allowable as an Essential Business under section IV.3—of this Order.

3. “Essential Businesses” are those defined in Mayor’s Order 2020-053 and subsequent interpretive guidance.

4. “Essential Government Functions” are those defined in Mayor’s Order 2020-053 and include all the tasks performed by persons designated essential or emergency personnel.

5. “Essential Travel” means:

a. Travel related to the provision of, or access to, Essential Activities, Essential Governmental Functions, Essential Businesses, or Minimum Basic Operations, including travel to and from work to operate Essential Businesses or maintain Essential Governmental Functions;

b. Travel to care for elderly, minors, dependents, persons with disabilities, or
other vulnerable persons;

c. Travel required to visit a house of worship;

d. Travel to or from educational institutions for purposes of receiving materials for distance learning, for receiving meals, and any other related services;

e. Travel to return to a place of residence from outside Washington, DC;

f. Travel required by law enforcement or court order;

g. Travel required for non-residents to return to their place of residence outside Washington, DC; and

h. Travel within the Washington region to engage in allowable activities under that jurisdiction’s laws.

6. “Minimum Basic Operations” means the following:

a. The minimum necessary activities to maintain the value of the business’s inventory, ensure security, process payroll and employee benefits, and related functions;

b. The minimum necessary activities to facilitate employees of the business being able to continue to work remotely from their residences; and

c. The minimum necessary activities to facilitate teleworking or the remote delivery of services formerly provided in-person by the business; to provide for the pay and benefits of the businesses’ employees; to provide cleaning and disinfection of a business’s facilities; or to provide employee supervision of contractors or employees providing essential maintenance of the facility.

7. “Residences” include homes and apartments, hotels, motels, shared rental units, and similar facilities.

8. “Social Distancing Requirements” include:

a. Maintaining at least six (6)-foot social distancing from other individuals;

b. Washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty (20) seconds or using hand sanitizer frequently, or after contact with potentially-infected surfaces, to the greatest extent feasible;

c. Covering coughs or sneezes, preferably with a tissue immediately
disposed of, or into the sleeve or elbow, not hands;

d. Regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces; and

e. Not shaking hands.

V. **ENFORCEMENT**

1. Any individual or entity that knowingly violates this Order shall be subject to all civil, criminal, and administrative penalties authorized by law, including sanctions or penalties for violating D.C. Official Code § 7-2307, including $1,000 fines, summary suspension or revocation of business licensure.

2. Any individual who willfully violates this Order may be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, subject to a fine not exceeding $5,000, imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or both.

3. An officer or employee of the District of Columbia government that violates this Order or any related personnel issuance shall be subject to appropriate administrative discipline, including, when circumstances warrant, suspension from duty without pay or removal from office.

VI. **SEVERABILITY**

If any provision of this Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, then the remainder of the Order, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect.

VII. **EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Order shall become effective at 12:01 a.m. on April 1, 2020 and will continue to be in effect through April 24, 2020, or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by a subsequent Order.

\[Signature\]

**MURIEL BOWSER**

**MAYOR**

ATTEST: **KIMBERLY A. BASSETT**

**SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**