

Statewide Safer-At-Home Order Issued April 1, 2020

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis issued a statewide safer-at-home order that will last through the end of April. The biggest question Floridians probably have: What is and isn't allowed?

What's allowed

- Floridians can go to the grocery store or pharmacy for food and essential items. Senior shopping hours are still in effect, too.
- You can take a walk, ride your bikes, jog and be outside for exercise, as long as you practice social distancing guidelines, like staying 6 feet away from others.
- You can go to a restaurant to order takeout. The order states: "All businesses or organizations are encouraged to provide delivery, carry-out or curbside service outside of the business or organization, of orders placed online or via telephone, to the greatest extent practicable."
- You can go to medical appointments, however, check with your doctor first or consider virtual visits.
- You can care for a family member or loved one.

What's NOT Allowed

- You can't go to work unless you are providing essential service as defined by the order. Individuals are encouraged to work from home.
- You can't visit friends and family if there is no urgent need.
- You can't ignore social distancing guidelines and must maintain at least 6 feet of space between you and others when you go out.

Essential Businesses

- Health care workers
- Law enforcement and other first responders
- Groceries, pharmacies and convenience stores
- Restaurants serving take-out or delivery
- Grocery delivery services
- Gas stations
- Banks and other financial institutions
- Hardware stores
- Mailing and shipping companies
- Public and private university and colleges
- Laundromats and dry cleaners
- Pet supply stores
- Office supply stores
- Transportation services
- Newspapers, radio, television or other media companies
- Energy companies
- Utility companies
- Factories or other industrial manufacturing services
- Sanitation services
- Car dealerships
- Hotels
- Funeral homes
- Marinas and other marina services
- Firearm stores
- Food and agriculture
- Contractors and other tradesmen
- Landscape and pool care
- Childcare
- Open construction sites
- Any business providing services to the government

For a comprehensive list of essential businesses, go to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's website: <https://www.cisa.gov/publication/guidance-essential-critical-infrastructure-workforce>