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Governor Bryan Ordered Only Essential Businesses to Operate, See if Your Job Made the Cut

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In his attempt to blunt the coronavirus's impact on the U.S. Virgin Islands, Governor Albert Bryan has taken a number of actions to limit contact between residents, including limiting gatherings to no more than 10. The governor also ordered the territory's hotels and other occupancy outfits not to accept more guests.

But the most critical of all to Virgin Islanders, are the businesses that made the governor's essential list, as Mr. Bryan has ordered all non-essential operations to halt in-person business until April 6.

Below, the businesses that made the essential list:

Places that sell or produce food:

- Grocery stores, convenience stores, and pet supply stores. This includes stores that sell groceries and sell other non-grocery products, and products necessary to maintain the safety and sanitation of homes.
- Restaurants that prepare and serve food or beverages, but only for delivery, drive-through, or carry out.
- Food cultivation, including farming, livestock, and fishing.

Places with medical purpose:

- Home-based care for seniors, adults, people with a disability, or children.
- Residential facilities and shelters for seniors, adults, people with a disability, and children.

Media outlets:

- Newspapers, television, radio, and other media services.

Core life services:

- Gas stations, and auto-supply, and auto-repair.
- Banks and credit unions.
- Hardware stores and building supplies.
- Laundromats, dry cleaners, and laundry service providers.
- Plumbers, electricians, custodial/janitorial workers, handyman services, funeral home workers and morticians, carpenters, landscapers, gardeners, property managers, private security personnel, and other service providers who provide services to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation to properties and other essential businesses.
- Businesses that supply office or computer products needed by people who work from home.
- Businesses that supply other Essential Businesses with the support or supplies necessary to operate.
- Businesses that ship, truck, provide logistical support or deliver groceries, food, goods or services directly to residences, essential businesses, healthcare operations, essential infrastructure.
- Airlines, taxis, and other private transportation providers providing transportation services necessary for activities of daily living.
- Businesses that provide parts and services for essential infrastructure.
- Professional services, such as legal or accounting services.

Childcare for essential workers:

- Childcare facilities providing services that enable employees exempted to work.

Places that provide shelter:

- Hotels, shared rental units, and similar facilities.
- Homeless shelters and social services for economically disadvantaged people.