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Governor deems many businesses 'essential'

Any local orders must comply with state guidance

Late afternoon **Monday**, Gov. **Doug Ducey** issued an executive order **clarifying** businesses and operations deemed "**essential**" by the state, providing **certainty** to business owners, employees and families during the coronavirus public health emergency.

The order is a **proactive** and **administrative** measure to ensure consistent guidance across the state, his office said. Orders by local governments "shall be **consistent** with advice from the Arizona Department of Health Services," the release continued.

Broadly, "**essential**" businesses include:

Healthcare and **public health operations**, among them **hospitals**, **clinics**, **dental** offices, **pharmacies**, **eye care** providers, **home healthcare** service health and **substance use counselors**, health care **suppliers** and **veterinary** service providers;

Human service operations, among

Here's a way to speak with a health care professional about COVID-19 concerns

Chamber Silver member **Northwest Healthcare** is offering an **easy-to-use screening** option specific to COVID-19.

Individuals with **concerns** or **mild to moderate** symptoms specific to **COVID-19** can use the **VirtualHealthConnect** app to speak with an **experienced** healthcare provider using a **smartphone** or **computer**. Because virtual visits can take place from home, they can help **reduce** the spread of COVID-19 in our community, a release said.

While COVID-19 **cannot** be **diagnosed** through a virtual visit, doctors can **evaluate** symptoms such as **fever**, **cough** and **shortness** of breath, discuss **known** risk factors, and answer **questions**. If testing is **indicated**, a **referral** can be **provided** to the right location for an in-person visit. Virtual visits are **\$40** and **not** covered by **insurance**. Visit

<https://www.healthiertucson.com/virtual-visits> for information about how to **download** and use the **VirtualHealthConnect** app.

Frequently asked questions are also provided.

them **long-term care facilities**, **residential settings and shelters** for **adults, seniors, children** and those with **disabilities**; and businesses that provide **food, shelter and social services** and other **necessities** of life for those with **special and specific** needs;

Essential infrastructure operations, to include **food production, distribution and sale, construction**, building **management and maintenance, landscape management, airport operations, utilities** operations, **distribution** centers, public **transportation**, solid **waste and recycling collection and removal, internet, video** and **telecommunications** systems;

Essential governmental functions, including **parks** personnel, first **responders, emergency** management personnel, **courts, law enforcement** and **corrections** personnel, **hazardous materials responders, child protection** and **child welfare** personnel, **housing and shelter** personnel, **military** and other **governmental** employees working for or to **support** essential businesses and operations;

Essential businesses and operations, to include **grocery** stores, **pharmacies**, certified **farmers markets, farm and produce stands, supermarkets, convenience** stores, and other establishments engaged in the **retail sale of groceries, medicines and non-grocery products**;

Food, beverage and agriculture businesses, largely those **making** those products;

Outdoor recreation activities, such as **parks, trails and golf** courses, though golf courses may be **restricted** on their food and beverage services;

Organizations that provide charitable and social services, such as **food banks**;

Media;

Gas stations and businesses needed for **transportation**;

Financial institutions;

Hardware and supply stores;

Critical trades;

Mail, post, shipping, logistics, delivery and **pick-up** services;

Educational institutions. Previously, the governor has closed Arizona schools through **April 10**;

Give blood at Golder Ranch Fire District on Tuesday, 4/7

Chamber Copper member the **Golder Ranch Fire District** is hosting the American Red Cross Bloodmobile for a **blood drive Tuesday, April 7, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

The **Bloodmobile** will be located in the parking lot of **Golder Ranch Fire District Station 380**, located at **1175 W. Magee Rd.**

It's never been more important to donate blood than now, the American Red Cross emphasizes.

Appointments are **preferred** but walk-ins are **welcome**. Donors will need to bring **photo** identification, a **blood donor card or two** other forms of identification. To **schedule** your **appointment** or get more **information** please call **1-800- RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)** or visit redcrossblood.org and use Sponsor Code: **grfdaz**.

Comcast increasing speeds, offers deals, free WiFi access

Chamber member **Comcast** is **increasing** internet speeds for **all** new and existing customers, with 60 days of **free** Internet service for **new** connections, an **Internet Essentials** offer for all qualified **low-income** households, and **free** Xfinity WiFi Hotspots to **everyone**, subscribers and non-subscribers alike.

To sign up for essential internet service, [click here](#).

There are also two dedicated phone numbers **1-855-846-8376** for **English** and **1-855-765-6995** for **Spanish**. For a map of Xfinity WiFi hotspots, [click here](#). Once at a hotspot, select the "**xfinitywifi**" network name in the list of available hotspots and then launch a

Laundry services;
Restaurants for consumption off-premises;
Suppliers of products needed to work from home;
Suppliers for essential businesses and **operations**, to include **technology vendors**;
Transportation;
Home-based care and services, for **adults, seniors, children** and people with **special needs**;
Professional and personal services, such as **legal, accounting, insurance, personal hygiene** and **real estate** services;
Day care centers for employees **exempted** by the **executive order**;
Manufacture, distribution and **supply chain** for **critical** products and industries, such as **pharmaceutical, technology, biotechnology, healthcare, chemicals**;
Hotels and **motels**, to the extent used for **lodging** and **delivery** or **carryout** food services;
And **funeral** services.
Click here to read the [full proclamation](#).

Food banks need more food, more volunteers, more \$

Food banks are seeing sharp **increases** in demand.

Chamber member **Interfaith Community Services** has set up food drop-off locations.

The **ICS** food bank at **2820 West Ina** is accepting donations from **9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday**.

Food may be dropped at a drive-through collection site set up at Casas Church, **10801 N. La Cholla**, from **8 a.m. to 6 pm. Tuesday, March 24**.

A second 1-day drop-off is slated from **10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 25**, at St. Mark Catholic Church, **2727 West Tangerine**.

Food can be dropped **any** weekday from **8 a.m. to noon** at

browser to connect.

Tia making gift baskets for health care workers

Chamber member **Tia's Gift Baskets** is donating 10 gift boxes for health care workers as part of **Operation Gifting**.

Tia Martin, and members of the Gift Basket Association, are attempting to deliver gift boxes to as many **healthcare providers** as possible. **Tia's** has committed to a **minimum** of **10** such boxes.

If you'd like to **purchase** a **gift box** to be delivered or shipped to your local clinic or emergency room in Tucson, Oro Valley or Marana, [click here](#).

A link to statewide resources

For a comprehensive link to resources provided by the state of Arizona, click here:

<https://arizonatogether.org/>

Open for business? Let us know and we'll put you on our [website](#).

Check out this [list of member restaurants](#) still doing business!

Want to help a local restaurant?

Buy a gift card. You can do so through the reservation service **Open Table**.

To find your favorite local restaurant, [click here](#).

Chamber member **St. Mark's United Methodist Church**, 1431 West Magee.

Volunteers are needed; go to icstucson.org or impactsoaz.org.

Money helps, too, at icstucson.org or impactsoaz.org.

To help needy people, check on these links.

Chamber member [Interfaith Community Services](#) needs volunteers.

[Impact of Southern Arizona](#) has at least 170 volunteer shifts a week.

GRFD may need masks, gowns

Golder Ranch Fire District needs to buy more **N95** masks, **surgical** masks and **gowns**, it said in a Tuesday email request.

"We are **good** right now," community relations manager **Anne-Marie Braswell** said. "Our normal supply chains are starting to become taxed so we're looking for other **avenues** for **supplies** we may need in the **near future**."

If you can help our **Chamber** Copper member, contact Anne-Marie at abraswell@grfdaz.gov.

Town of Oro Valley, Chamber work together

The **Town of Oro Valley** and your **Chamber** are working **together** to **assist** in providing **resources** and **information** during this **critical** time to Oro Valley **residents**, **small businesses** and those looking for **employment**.

"The Town of Oro Valley has partnered with the Greater Oro Valley Chamber to provide **relevant information** and **resources** during this time of crisis. The Town's leadership is dedicated to doing what we can do to **help** our business community get **back on track**. Please use the **resources** via the links below or contact us at any time," said **J.J. Johnston**, Director of Community and Economic Development for the Town.

One component is the creation of a **webpage** on the Town's website to **collect information** and **links** to various government and non-profits that can assist **small businesses** and those who have been **affected** by these trying times.

Dave Perry, president and CEO of the **Greater Oro Valley Chamber of Commerce** added, "Our Chamber wants to do its part to keep **businesses** and the **community intact** during a **difficult** time. Please let us know your **specific needs** and **concerns**, and we'll do our **best** to make **connections** and find **solutions** in a **timely** manner. We're all in this **together**, and we'll get through it **together**, too."

For current **updates**, media releases and closures related to COVID-19, please visit www.orovalleyaz.gov/covid19.

Small Business Resources

[SBA Disaster Loans--Three Step Process](#) The U. S. Small Business

Administration (SBA) is providing low-interest, long-term disaster loans to businesses of all sizes, private non-profit organizations, homeowners, and renters to repair or replace uninsured/underinsured disaster damaged property. [Community Investment Corporation](#) offers specialized loan products and partnerships.

[Growth Partners AZ](#) is offering reduced rates and flexible repayment options to qualified borrowers

[Greater Oro Valley Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Arizona Commerce Authority \(ACA\)](#)

Displaced Worker Resources

[AZ Commerce Authority](#)

[AZ Dept. of Economic Security](#) (Food and medical assistance, unemployment insurance, etc.)

[Pima County One-Stop](#) (Includes list of employers with immediate openings)

[Arizona @ Work](#)

[Community Action Partnership](#)

[Interfaith Community Services](#)

[Restaurant Workers Community Foundation](#)

[US Department of Labor Dislocated Worker Grants](#)

Contacts

If you would like to suggest a resource be added to the Town's page, please contact **Margie Adler** at madler@orovalleyaz.gov.

To contact **Dave Perry** and the Greater Oro Valley Chamber of Commerce, email dave@orovalleychamber.com

Additional Resources:

Arizona Department of Education – [Guidance to Schools and Families on COVID-19](#)

Arizona Department of Economic Security – [Unemployment Insurance Benefits](#)

Arizona Food Bank Network – [Find a Food Bank Near You](#)

Arizona Department of Health Services – [COVID-19 Response and Guidance](#)

US Housing and Urban Development – [Relief for homeowners](#)

Arizona Department of Housing – [Eviction and Foreclosure Assistance](#)

211arizona – [COVID-19 Resources](#) (or call 2-1-1)



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