

## **HR Tracker, ¶46,761, California workers, except for those providing essential services, ordered to stay home — STATE LAW, (Mar. 24, 2020)**

On March 19, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom issued a stay-at-home order to “protect the health and well-being of all Californians and to establish consistency across the state in order to slow the spread of COVID-19.”

All residents are required to stay at home except to get food, care for a relative or friend, get necessary health care, or go to an essential job; When residents do leave their residence, they are encouraged to keep at least six feet of distance.

Executive Order N-33-20, through Order of the State Public Health Officer, mandates that all individuals living in the State of California to stay at home in their place of residence except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of the federal critical infrastructure sectors.

According to the Order, the Governor proclaimed a State of Emergency on March 4, 2020, as the result of the threat of COVID-19, and within a short period of time the virus rapidly spread throughout the state, thus necessitating updated and more stringent guidance from federal, state and local public health officials. For the preservation of the health and safety throughout the state, the Governor finds it necessary for all California residents to heed the state public health directives from the Department of Public Health.

The directive is consistent with the March 19, 2020, “Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19 Response.” Information on COVID-19 is found here.

Essential services are to remain open, such as gas stations, pharmacies, food (grocery stores, food banks, farmers markets, convenience stores, take-out and delivery restaurants, banks, and laundromats/laundry services). Essential state and local government functions also remain open, including law enforcement and offices that provide government programs and services.

More information on critical infrastructure sectors is covered at the federal Department of Homeland Security CISA website covering Critical Infrastructure Sectors.

The Order took effect immediately and remains in effect until notified otherwise.

**Source:** State of California, Office of the Governor, News Release, March 19, 2020.