What are the Governor's rules for Vermonters?

Gov. Scott declared a State of Emergency and has since issued several executive orders to reduce close contact among people. This list summarizes the STAY HOME/STAY SAFE order and earlier orders.

- **Residents and Non-Resident Travelers**
  Gov. Phil Scott instructed people not to travel to Vermont if they are displaying symptoms or they are travelling from coronavirus "hotspots", calling out special attention to New York City.
  All people – full-time residents and second homeowners, who come to Vermont for any reason other than an essential purpose, must immediately self-quarantine for 14 days. This quarantine is essential in order to protect those of us who are already here, as well as to minimize the impact on our health care system. Self quarantine means **STAY HOME** and monitor your health for 14 days. Volunteers are available to deliver food and supplies to your door. To request this assistance call 802-457-7516

- Vermonters and non residents are ordered to stay at home, leaving only for essential reasons, critical to health and safety.
  - Essential reasons to leave home include: personal safety; groceries or medicine; curbside pick-up of goods, meals or beverages; medical care; exercise; care of others; and essential work, as set forth further below.

- Everyone is advised to adhere to physical distancing policies if leaving the home (defined as remaining six feet from others) and thoroughly and regularly washing hands.

- Non-essential gatherings of more than 10 people are prohibited.

- Leaving the home for exercise and outdoor activity is allowed, provided that people are adhering to appropriate social distancing.

- All non-essential medical procedures are postponed.

- Visitor access at long-term care facilities and hospitals is restricted.

- Schools and child care facilities are closed (other than those providing services for the children of essential personnel.)

- In-person operations for non essential businesses and not-for-profit entities are suspended (see below for exemptions**.)
  - All businesses and not-for-profits must put in place, to the maximum extent possible, telecommuting or work from home procedures.

    - Operations that can be conducted online or by phone or sales that can be facilitated by delivery or curbside pick-up can continue.
    - All close-contact businesses, such as gyms, fitness centers and similar exercise facilities, hair salons and barbers, nail salons, spas and tattoo parlors are closed.
    - Big box stores (Walmart, Target, Costco) must stop in-person sales of non-essential items in order to reduce the number of people in retail outlets at any given time.
    - Retailers and consumers are asked to reduce in-person sales as much as possible by placing online or phone orders for curbside pickup.
    - The following types of retailers are permitted to stay open: grocery stores; pharmacies; other retail that sells food, beverage, animal feed and essential supplies and fuel.
    - Hardware stores are allowed to stay open but only for curbside pickup.
- All lodging facilities, including hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts, Airbnbs, as well as private camping facilities and RV parks, are closed except for very explicit exceptions. Exceptions are limited to providing housing to someone who is quarantined, essential health care and public safety workers, and housing homeless people or other vulnerable populations. On-line reservations shall be suspended and lodging providers shall post a prominent notice on their web platforms which advises potential guests that reservations for lodging in Vermont, as allowed, shall be accepted by phone only.

Note: **Governor Scott's executive order allows some businesses and entities to remain open, such as those that provide services or functions deemed critical to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security. This includes – but is not limited to – health care operations; retail serving essential human needs (grocery stores, pharmacies and hardware stores); fuel products and supply; news media; maintenance of critical infrastructure; and transportation and critical manufacturing sectors. For a full list, please review the order. Commercial entities, non-profits, employers and others who have questions as to whether they may remain open can contact the Agency of Commerce and Community Development via this online form