



United States Department of State

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NOTICE

New Hampshire “Stay Home” Order

New Hampshire Governor Chris Sununu has ordered all businesses and other organizations that do not provide Essential Services to close their physical workplaces and facilities to workers, customers, and the public and cease all in person operations as of 11:59PM on March 27, 2020, and shall not re-open to workers, customers or the public or resume in person operations before 12:01AM on May 4, 2020. All businesses or other organizations providing essential services shall develop strategies, procedures and practices to allow for social distancing protocols consistent with guidance provided by the CDC and the Division of Public Health. A copy of the order is available at <https://www.governor.nh.gov/news-media/emergency-orders/documents/emergency-order-17-1.pdf>.

Beginning at 11:59PM on March 27, 2020, New Hampshire residents shall stay at home or in their place of residence with the following exceptions:

- Leaving home to get fresh air or exercise, provided that social distancing protocols consistent with guidance from the Division of Public Health are observed;
- Leaving home for outdoor recreation provided that appropriate social distancing protocols are observed and provided that such recreation complies with any limitations contained within Executive Order 2020-04 and any Emergency Orders issued pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04;
- Leaving home to run essential errands such as going to the grocery store, pharmacy, laundromat, or fulfilling any other errands an individual determines to be essential for everyday needs;
- Leaving home to visit a spouse, parent, or child;
- Leaving home to provide care for another person;
- Leaving home to go to the gas station;
- Leaving home to order and pick up take-out food;

- Receiving deliveries from Amazon, UPS, Fedex, the U.S. Postal Service, or any other deliveries;
- Leaving home to receive essential medical care or essential medical services;
- Leaving home for purposes of an individual's employment if the individual is employed at a business or organization that provides Essential Services or a business or organization to whom this Order does not apply pursuant to Sections 5-7; and
- Leaving home for purposes of employment in cases where an individual is working remotely for a business that does not provide Essential Services.
- This Order shall not apply to any church, synagogue, mosque, or other house of worship, provided that those organizations must still comply with Emergency Order #16.

How does this impact foreign missions and their members?

Foreign missions may continue to perform essential government operations in the New Hampshire. However, all foreign missions are expected to adopt strategies aimed at mitigating the spread of COVID-19, such as maximizing opportunities for their members to work from home (“telework”), applying social distancing of at least six feet, and avoiding local travel unless required for purposes of protecting health, safety, and protection of property.

When not performing those functions, foreign mission personnel and their dependents are expected to fully comply with the requirements of the Governor’s order, as well as any other applicable orders issued by local or municipal authorities.

The Department appreciates your patience and understanding as local authorities begin to implement these new restrictions.

Questions or Issues

Inquiries concerning the impacts of COVID-19 and the associated responsive effort on the operation of foreign missions in the United States should be transmitted by electronic mail to OFM-EmergencyMgt@state.gov.

Resources

- COVID-19 in New Hampshire: <https://www.nh.gov/covid19/>
- CDC's Coronavirus Website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>
- CDC's Interim Guidance for Business and Employers: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>
- Compilation of circular diplomatic notes and notices released by OFM concerning COVID-19: <https://www.state.gov/circular-notes-and-notices-covid-19/>
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