

COVID-19

Critical businesses and workers following strict new measures on staying at home

During the period where strict new measures on staying at home are in place, only businesses and workers **ESSENTIAL** to providing for the island's current needs will operate.

Following the decision made by the Civil Contingencies Authority on the advice of the Director of Public Health, any business not covered by the groups of essential functions listed below **MUST CLOSE** from tomorrow (Wednesday 25th March 2020).

Staff that are required to support the functioning of these essential services are considered critical workers. These critical workers can continue to send their children to their current school, college or early years provider if they do not have alternative childcare arrangements.

For the purposes of the strict new measures announced today (24 March 2020), critical businesses and workers are defined as:

Private sector

- Businesses and workers **ESSENTIAL** to the functioning of any activity necessary to:
 - Ensure the continuing supply and accessibility of food and other essential goods including
 - Supermarkets and grocery stores
 - Air and sea freight transport
 - Stevedores and other necessary port management activities
 - Freight operators
 - Ensuring continuing health and community care services including
 - GP surgeries/medical practices
 - Pharmacies
 - Residential and nursing homes
 - Private and third sector agencies providing care services in a home or other setting (including the care of animals)
 - Volunteers that provide services to those in need (Meals on Wheels, Samaritans, etc)
 - Those responsible for management of the deceased
 - Those essential to law and order
 - Judiciary Services
 - Advocates
 - Those providing private school services and daytime childcare
 - Private primary and secondary schools

- Nurseries and day-care services
- Maintain critical national infrastructure (essential staff)
 - Utilities (water, electricity, gas, oil, post)
 - Telecoms providers (essential staff required to deliver mobile and fixed line telecommunication services)
- Maintain public transport
 - Bus operators and school transport providers
- Public service broadcasters and other mainstream news media

Private sector employers falling within the above categories should determine which roles are essential to the ability to maintain critical services.

Public service

- Workers **ESSENTIAL** to the **DELIVERY OF CRITICAL SERVICES** by:
 - Health and Social Care
 - Education
 - Emergency Services (Law Enforcement, Ambulance, Fire and Coastguard)
 - Prison
 - Law Officers
 - States Works
 - Guernsey Waste
 - Ports
 - Regulatory roles directly related to financial stability and banking supervision
 - Treasury
 - Social Security

Additionally, any ancillary staff from the private or public sectors who are essential to supporting the States of Guernsey's response to COVID-19.

Everyone who is not defined as a critical worker, and their children, must stay at home during the period these strict new measures on staying at home are in place.

Education staff will continue to work in their present school or college as directed by their headteacher during this period, unless they have received medical guidance telling them not to do so, until the end of term. Work is ongoing to collaborate with staff on provision for the children of key workers during the Easter holidays.

Students and island residents will still be able to return to the Bailiwick during this period of strict measures on staying at home, but if they do so they must immediately enter into mandatory self-isolation for 14 days. Those travelling back should ensure they have proof of residency before they travel.