Connecticut: Business Request for Designation as an Essential Business During the COVID-19 Closure

Description of Program and Relief

Businesses that are not covered by the guidance provided here may request an opinion from Connecticut’s Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) as to whether they can be considered essential and keep their physical locations open during the state-mandated closure to protect against COVID-19.

Government or Lead Agency

Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development

Dates Available

Effective immediately

Eligibility Requirements/Restrictions

A listing of businesses that are considered essential and may remain open during the closure are here. They include, for example, healthcare services, infrastructure, grocery stores, food manufacturing and distribution, and many others. Requests by businesses to be designated as essential should only be made if they are not covered in the listing linked above.

Application Deadlines (If Applicable)

N/A

Contact for More Information

For specific questions, email the Joint Information Center at COVID19.JIC@ct.gov or call the DECD small business hotline at (860) 500-2333

List of Additional Information

Please apply here to request designation for your business to be considered essential.