

On March 23, 2020, Governor Insley issued an Executive Order directing all residents immediately to heed current State public health directives to stay home, except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of essential critical infrastructure sectors and additional sectors as the State Public Health Officer may designate as critical to protect health and well-being of all Washingtonians.

In accordance with this order, the Governor has designated the following list of "Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers" to help state, local, tribal, and industry partners as they work to protect communities, while ensuring continuity of functions critical to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security.

HEALTHCARE / PUBLIC HEALTH

Sector Profile

The Healthcare and Public Health (PH) sector is large, diverse, and open, spanning both the public and private sectors. It includes publicly accessible healthcare facilities, research centers, suppliers, manufacturers, and other physical assets and real, complex public-private information technology systems required for care delivery and/or support the rapid, secure transmission and storage of large amounts of PH data.

Essential Workforce

- Workers providing COVID-19 testing and workers that perform critical clinical research and development needed for COVID-19 response.
- Health care providers and caregivers (e.g., physicians, dentists, psychologists, mid-level practitioners, nurses and assistants, infection control and quality assurance personnel, pharmacists, physical and occupational therapists and assistants, medivets and dialysis attending facility based or home-based units, alternative healthcare providers, social workers, speech pathologists and diagnostic and therapeutic technicians and technologists).
- Hospital and laboratory personnel (including accounting, administrative, admitting and discharge, engineering, epidemiological, nurse planners and blood donation, food service, housekeeping, medical records, information technology and operational technology, nutritionists, sanitarians, respiratory therapists, etc.).
- Workers in other medical facilities (including Ambulatory Health and Surgical, Blood Banks, Clinics, Community Mental Health, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation, End Stage Renal Disease, Health Departments, Home Health Care, Hospices, Hospitals, Long Term Care, Organ-Pharmacies, Prerequisite Organizations, Psychiatry, Residential Rural Health Clinics and Federally Qualified Health Centers, Interdisciplinary Therapy, consumer health products, cosmetic retailers).
- Manufacturers, technicians, logisticians and warehouse operators, and distributors of medical equipment, medical devices, diagnostics, personal protective equipment (PPE), medical gases, pharmaceuticals, blood and blood products, vaccines, testing materials, laboratory supplies, cleaning, sanitizing, disinfecting or sterilization supplies, and tissue and paper towel products.