

On behalf of our CRC Board of Governors, we urge you to consider the following definition of 'Essential Services' retailers when making decisions on closings due to COVID-19. I don't have to tell you this crisis is different than a hurricane or blizzard; millions of citizens will be working from home for weeks - if not months - so let's help them make that experience as productive and hygienic as possible.

Definition of 'Essential Services' retailers include:

Supermarkets and grocery stores
Big box stores
Pharmacies
Discount stores, mini-markets, wholesale clubs, and non-specialized food stores
Hardware stores
Gas stations
Laundromats and dry cleaners
Pet stores

Commercial establishments that sell any of the following: frozen products; non-specialized stores of computers, telecommunications equipment, audio and video consumer electronics, household appliances; IT and telecommunication equipment; hardware, paint, flat glass; electrical, plumbing and heating material; automotive fuel; domestic fuel; sanitary equipment; personal hygiene products medication not requiring medical prescription; medical and orthopedic equipment; optics and photography equipment; soaps and detergents.

Also include: Banks, Daycare centers, Distribution Centers, Trucking industry & drivers, Post Offices, Veterinary clinics for domestic pets