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I'm sure you've heard that this afternoon Governor Polis issued an [order](#) directing all Colorado employers to reduce in-person work that takes place outside a private residence, except as permitted under this order, by at least fifty (50) percent.

The order also works to define critical businesses and services, something we of course have been working on closely with all of you. **Food and agriculture supply chains are clearly listed as critical business.** It's expected that all critical businesses continue to use strict social distancing guidelines and per the order, if some of your workforce can work from home they should.

I know you and your members will continue to have many questions. Please continue to call/text/email me and let's work together to get them answered.

In brief, the order includes:

- Critical Infrastructure definition of the following: **“Food and plant cultivation, including farming crops, livestock, food processing and manufacturing, animal feed and feed products, rendering, commodity sales, and any other work critical to the operation of any component of the food supply chain.”**
- Critical Healthcare Operations include **veterinary care and livestock services.** There remains a limit on elective veterinary procedures to ensure sufficient PPE for human care.
- Food and Agriculture supply chain items are included in Critical Manufacturing, including food processing for all foods and beverages; chemicals; medical equipment; and all other supporting business.
- Farm and produce stands, and “establishments engaged in the retail sale of food,” are included in the Critical Retail section. **This includes farmers markets.** This section also includes **all agricultural supply businesses.**
- Critical Services include important aspects of the Food and Agriculture supply chain, including storage and distribution.

This is a big next step in gaining clarity. Thank you for your ongoing partnership in all of this. We will continue with our standing weekly Ag Council briefing [Wednesday at noon](#). I will also work with you if more regular communication is needed with you or your members. Please feel free to forward this message to anyone you see fit. And as always, never hesitate to reach out, and I'll keep doing the same.

Here's to keeping food on the table, for everyone.

My best,
Kate

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