

# Haywood Stay Home – Stay Safe

**As of March 26, at 2:30 p.m.**

This afternoon the Haywood County Commissioners adopted an amended Joint Emergency Proclamation generally referred to as a “Stay-Home Proclamation.”

This is interpretive guidance, intended to help residents understand the Proclamation.

## **Haywood County residents can:**

- Go to the grocery and convenience store
- Go to the pharmacy to pick up medications and healthcare necessities
- Visit a health care facility for medical services that cannot be provided electronically (phone or on-line) (call first!)
- Go to a restaurant, for take-out, delivery, or drive-thru service only
- Care for or support a friend, family member, or pet
- Take a walk, ride your bike, hike, jog (as long as social distancing measures are maintained)
- Walk your pets and take them to the veterinarian
- Help others to get necessary supplies
- Receive deliveries from any business that delivers

## **Haywood County residents should NOT:**

- Go out at all if they are sick
- Go to work, unless providing Essential Services as defined by this order
- Visit friends and family if there is no specific, urgent need
- Be closer than 6 feet from others if out in public
- Visit loved ones in the hospital, nursing home, skill nursing facilities, or other residential care facilities, except for limited exceptions as provided by the specific facility
- Travel, except for Essential Travel and activities.

## **Essential Activities:**

In general, activities that fall under these categories are Essential Activities: For health and safety

- To get necessary supplies and services
- For outdoor activities (walking, hiking, golfing, running, cycling, using greenways)
- For work for essential businesses/operations
- To take care of others

(Further details can be found in the Supplemental Declaration itself, which is at <https://www.haywoodcountync.gov>

## **I live outside of Haywood County. How does this affect me?**

If you work in Haywood County, then your business/employer must comply with this order. You are allowed to travel through Haywood County and conduct Essential Activities within Haywood County and to return home.

## **I work outside of Haywood County. How does this affect me?**

You can travel to work outside Haywood County - that is not affected by the Proclamation. Returning to Haywood County after leaving the county for work purposes is specifically authorized by the Proclamation.

## **What is considered Essential Travel?**

- Any travel related to the provision of or access to Essential Activities, Essential Governmental Functions, Essential Businesses and Operations, Health Care and Public Health Operations, Human Services Operations, Essential Infrastructure, or Minimum Basic Operations.
- Travel to care for elderly, minors, dependents, persons with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons
- Travel to or from education institutions for purposes of receiving materials for distance learning, for receiving meals, and other related services
- Travel to return to a place of residence from outside the jurisdiction

- Travel required by law enforcement or court order, including to transport children pursuant to a custody agreement
- Travel required for non-residents to return to their place of residence outside the County. Individuals are strongly encouraged to verify that their transportation out of the County remains available and functional prior to commencing such travel

### **Am I allowed to travel?**

You are allowed to travel for purposes of essential business and essential activities

### **Do I need a letter or document that authorizes me to travel for Essential Travel?**

No. You do not need any such document. The county is not issuing any document authorizing Essential Travel.

### **Do I need a document from the county that identifies my business as “Essential”?**

No. The county is not issuing any document to classify a business as “Essential” or otherwise.

### **Am I allowed to go outside to exercise?**

Yes – but maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet from all others.

### **I live in Canton, Clyde, Waynesville or Maggie Valley – does this order apply to me?**

Yes – this order applies to all residents within Haywood County.

### **How does the local order affect people who work outside of Haywood County?**

Haywood County does not have the authority to regulate employment activities outside of Haywood County. While we encourage everyone to stay home and stay safe, residents of Haywood County who are employed

outside the county may travel to work regardless of the nature of their occupation.

**Guidance on Essential Businesses and Operations services under the supplemental declaration is as follows:**

Essential Businesses or entities, including any for profit or non-profit, regardless of the nature of the service, the function they perform, or its corporate or entity structure, are not subject to these restrictions.

For purposes of this supplemental declaration, "Essential Business," means:

**1. Essential Health Care Operations, Including:**

- research and laboratory services
- hospitals
- walk-in-care health facilities
- emergency veterinary and livestock services
- elder care
- medical wholesale and distribution
- home health care workers or aides for the elderly
- doctor and emergency dental
- nursing homes, or residential health care facilities or congregate care facilities
- medical supplies and equipment manufacturers and providers
- blood drive and blood collection sites

**2. Essential Infrastructure, Including:**

- utilities including power generation, fuel supply and transmission
- public water and wastewater
- telecommunications and data centers
- transportation infrastructure such as roads, bus, rail, or for-hire vehicles, garages
- hotels, and places of accommodation, when used Any employees who work for a business or organization deemed essential can stay in any lodging.

### **3. Essential Manufacturing, Including:**

- food processing, manufacturing agents, including all foods and beverages
- chemicals
- medical equipment/instruments
- pharmaceuticals
- sanitary products
- telecommunications
- microelectronics/semi-conductor
- agriculture/farms
- household paper products

### **4. Essential Retail, Including:**

- grocery stores including all food and beverage stores
- pharmacies
- convenience stores
- farmer's markets
- gas stations
- restaurants/bars (but only for take-out/delivery)
- hardware and building material stores
- pawn shops

### **5. Essential Services, Including:**

- trash and recycling collection, processing and disposal
- mail and shipping services
- laundromats
- building cleaning and maintenance
- child care services
- auto repair
- warehouse/distribution and fulfillment
- funeral homes, crematoriums and cemeteries

- storage for essential businesses
- animal shelters

## **6. News Media**

## **7. Financial Institutions, Including:**

- banks
- insurance
- payroll
- accounting
- notary public
- services related to financial markets

## **8. Providers of Basic Necessities to Economically Disadvantaged Populations, Including:**

- homeless shelters and congregate care facilities
- food banks
- human services providers whose function includes the direct care of patients in state-licensed or funded voluntary programs; the care, protection, custody and oversight of individuals both in the community and in state-licensed residential facilities; those operating community shelters and other critical human services agencies providing direct care or support

## **9. Construction, Including:**

- skilled trades such as electricians, plumbers
- other related construction firms and professionals for essential infrastructure, to include public works, roads and bridges, or for emergency repair and safety purposes

## **10. Essential Services Necessary to Maintain the Safety, Sanitation and Essential Operations of Residences or Other Essential Businesses, Including:**

- law enforcement

- fire prevention and response
- building code enforcement
- security
- emergency management and response
- building cleaners or janitors
- general maintenance whether employed by the entity directly or a vendor
- automotive repair
- disinfection

**11. Vendors that Provide Essential Services or Products, Including Logistics and Technology Support, Child Care and Services:**

- logistics
- technology support for online services
- child care programs and services
- government owned or leased buildings
- essential government services