



Dear Upper Michigan Lumber Dealers & Suppliers:

Today, Governor Gretchen Whitmer issued a 'stay home, stay safe' executive order for all Michigan residents starting at 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday, March 24 until April 13 at 11:59 p.m.

In doing so, Governor Whitmer's order also requires the closure of all non-essential businesses.

In partnership with the Midwest Building Suppliers Association (MBSA) and the National Lumber & Building Material Dealers Association (NLBMDA), NLA is pleased to report that lumber and building material dealers, their suppliers based in Michigan and their contractors are **EXEMPT** from this order.

Under the Executive Orders and Homeland Security's list of Essential Infrastructure Workers, lumber and building material dealers and their customers are allowed to go to work during the "Stay at Home" Order dates. Although going to work is permitted, dealers and their customers must comply with all other workplace safety and virus mitigation procedures set forth by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC).

Last week, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Federal Government issued guidance for helping state and local legislators determine what is essential and what is not.

[Department of Homeland Security Guidance for Essential Businesses](#)

You will note on page 6 of the DHS Guidance - under Food & Agriculture - that "workers who support the manufacture and distribution of forest products, including, but not limited to timber, paper, and other wood products" are deemed "essential" by the Department of Homeland Security & the Federal Government.

Michigan has followed in the footsteps of numerous other states including California, Ohio and New York in issuing its order which in summary relies on the Department of Homeland Security List in its Order's formulation. Again, LBM operations ARE considered essential infrastructure personnel.

Stay Tuned to NLA's email correspondence and our [COVID-19 Resource Page](#) on our website for further news and information.

Stay Safe!

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