



Dear Wisconsin Lumber Dealers & Suppliers:

As an update to yesterday's correspondence regarding Governor Tony Evers "Safer at Home" Executive Order requiring all non-essential businesses to close effective Wednesday, March 25, 2020 - we wanted to provide you with final guidance and further clarification on the order.

**On Tuesday, March 24, 2020, Governor Evers issued his official "Safer at Home" Executive Order.**

To read the full order, please click [here](#).

**As a part of Governor Evers' Order, construction has been deemed an essential industry/business.**

Likewise, Governor Evers followed suit with orders issued by other states including Michigan and Ohio and has followed the "essential business" guidelines issued by the Department of Homeland Security.

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

Further, and thanks to Northwestern Lumber Association's partnership with the Wisconsin Builders Association, Governor Evers went a step further in his order and added additional clarifying language that specifically includes construction suppliers including lumber dealers, wholesalers, distributors, etc. are essential businesses and may remain open.

*These specifics are called out on page 12 - Section M and page 13 - Section R of the order.*

Northwestern Lumber Association applauds Governor Evers for this decision to include LBM dealers and suppliers as "essential" businesses and commends the efforts of the NLA staff, the National Lumber & Building Material Dealers Association (NLBMDA) and other industry groups for their diligence with this issue!

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## **MOVING FORWARD**

Although lumber and building material dealers and suppliers in Wisconsin are welcome to remain open for business during this order, you must continue to follow Social Distancing Protocols as issued by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention.

This includes:

- Maintaining social distancing of six (6) feet between people;
- Washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer;
- Covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands);
- Regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces;
- Not shaking hands;
- Limiting interactions with customers including in the store and on the jobsite;
- and following all other public health recommendations issued by DHS and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

A list of additional resources for helping stop the spread of COVID-19 can be found on [NLA's website](#).

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As always, the safety, health and well-being of your employees, customers and families is of utmost importance. We encourage all dealers and suppliers to continue to be vigilant and help to control the spread of the virus.

Best Wishes & Stay Safe!

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