



Dear Minnesota Lumber Dealers & Suppliers:

Yesterday, the Association issued two (2) emails regarding Governor Tim Walz's "Stay Home MN" Executive Order. As noted, the order lacked clarity for residential and commercial construction workers however **DID** include lumber yards and building material suppliers, distributors and manufacturers as "Essential".

GOOD NEWS FOR CONSTRUCTION!

As of 9:00am on 3/26/2020, residential and commercial construction is OFFICIALLY considered "essential" under the "Stay at Home MN" Order.

Overnight, the Governor along with the MN Department of Employment and Economic Development updated its [List of NAICS Codes determined to be critical industries](#) to include residential and non-residential construction as "Essential and/or Critical".

Put simply, the lumber and building material dealers, suppliers and contractors in the State of Minnesota may remain at work during the state closure/order.

THANK YOU!

Northwestern Lumber Association would like to thank Governor Walz and the Department of Employment & Economic Development for amending their documents and clarifying this issue. The people of State of Minnesota depend upon the entire construction industry and we are appreciative that the Governor agreed.

NLA would like to thank its staff for their continued efforts in monitoring these orders and for fighting on behalf of the industry as a whole. Likewise, NLA would like to thank its many industry partners including the state and local builders associations, builders exchanges, contractor associations and many others for their tireless work to ensure that construction - in ALL facets - is deemed "essential".

NLA would also like to thank its members for their patience, understanding and support during these unprecedented times.

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