



Dear Minnesota Lumber Dealers & Suppliers:

**Yesterday, Governor Tim Walz's extended the "Stay Home MN" Executive Order through May 3, 2020.**

As part of the amended order, Walz has asked his industry commissioners to assess and address the reopening of many business sectors across the state - as long as they can do so safely and practice proper social distancing.

**As was reported earlier, Governor Walz's initial "Stay Home MN" order exempted lumber and building material dealers, suppliers and their contractors. These businesses have been deemed "essential" infrastructure businesses and may remain open as long as they practice proper social distancing protocols.**

In conjunction with the Governor's Order, the MN Department of Employment and Economic Development updated its [Critical Worker Definitions](#). The new definitions further clarifies the types of construction may be done while the "Stay Home MN" order is in place.

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**Remain Vigilant**

Northwestern Lumber Association (NLA) continues to provide members with valuable guidance and resources to combat the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

These resources can be found on [NLA's COVID-19 Resource Page](#).

NLA is proud of the resolve and leadership of its staff, Board of Directors and members during these uncertain and uncharted times. Members are sharing best practices daily and working with businesses throughout their community and the state to ensure that all LBM employees remain safe and healthy.

NLA encourages all members to remain vigilant with their cleaning, safety and hygiene policies and procedures. Continued diligence will further ensure that your employees and customers remain safe and healthy and that our industry can remain open now and in the future.

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