

**SUMMARY OF THE EXECUTIVE ORDER**  
**Government of Puerto Rico**  
**OE-2020-029**

**LOCKDOWN** – 24/7 – from March 31 to April 12, 2020 at 12 midnight inclusive.

Specific exceptions between 5 a.m. at 7 p.m. exclusively in the following circumstances:

1. Attend a medical appointment, attend hospitals, laboratories or medical service centers
2. To provide assistance, care, food, transportation for senior citizens, minors, dependents, people with disabilities or especially vulnerable people who require some type of medical or professional care, the above as long as precautionary measures are taken to prevent contagion.
3. Purchase food, pharmaceuticals and basic necessities products
4. Go to a financial institution for emergency errands
5. Receive any of the exempt services, specified in the following sections of this Order
6. Provide any of the services specified Exempt in subsequent sections of this Order

The owner and/or person in charge of a residence that allows people outside his family to gather to carry out meetings, gatherings, parties or any activity not allowed in this order in said residence and its environment, will be considered a violation to the Executive Order and will be subject to the penalties established by law.

**USE OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

As of Wednesday, April 1, on the use of motor vehicles will be ONLY in case of

1. Purchase food, pharmaceuticals and basic necessities
2. Go to financial institutions
3. Receive any of the specified services exempted in subsequent sections of this Order, citizens may ONLY leave their place of residence in an orderly manner whose vehicles have license plates assigned by the Department of Transportation and Public Works that end in an even number (0,2,4,6,8) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and those with vehicles with odd numbered license plates (1,3,5,7,9) will be able to leave on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. License plates ending in a letter shall be considered as even numbers for the purposes of this Order.
4. Outside of the above circumstances, a citizen may ONLY leave his residence, regardless of the license plate of his vehicle: 1) due to an emergency situation, 2) to work in one of the places allowed in this Order, provided that he can demonstrate it or 3) perform one of the services allowed in this Order, provided that it can be evidenced.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Given the still non-observance and lack of prudence of some citizens in not understanding the seriousness of the decreed emergency, it is worthwhile taking more rigorous security measures that promote respect and full compliance with the isolation and quarantine orders issued.

**QUARANTINE ORDER**

1. Anyone with reasonable suspicion that they have been exposed to COVID-19, whether or not they present signs or symptoms of contagion, and with the purpose of preventing or limiting the transmission and spread of the virus, is ordered to remain in quarantine over a period of 14 days. The person must remain strictly in his residence and restrict movements outside it.
2. Social isolation is ordered for 14 days, for any person to whom the presence of COVID-19 has been confirmed in their body, or with reasonable suspicion of having been infected with COVID-19,

confinement or restriction of movement, according to medical instructions.

3. The closure of government and private operations is ORDERED, except for those related to essential services, as well as the closure of all businesses in Puerto Rico from March 31 to April 12, 2020 inclusive.

## **EXCEPTIONS TO BUSINESS CLOSURES**

1. Retail sale of food EXCLUSIVELY through the model of drive-thru or carry-out or delivery and without allowing customers inside the establishments, including prepared food, or wholesale, supermarkets or those related to food distribution chains including animal feed
2. Medicines, articles or medical equipment and its distribution chain
3. Pharmacies
4. Gas stations and their distribution chain
5. Banking or financial institutions. As for the pawn shops listed as financial institutions, they will ONLY be able to provide service for the receipt of goods as a pawn and payment of debts, establishing that one client will be served at a time. The sale of goods and/or merchandise will not be allowed in pawn shops.
6. Senior Citizen Centers
7. Organizations or groups that provide services to meet basic needs for economically disadvantaged populations, such as homeless shelters, food banks, among others.

Sundays:

1. Grocery stores, supermarkets or businesses that have supermarkets will remain closed
2. Pharmacies may only operate the prescription's area, sell medications and personal hygiene items
3. Gas stations can only dispense fuel

Failure to comply with the Price Freezing Orders issued by the Department of Consumer Affairs (DACO) will be subject to sanctions and fines mentioned in this Order and in the enabling law of DACO.

## **EXCEPTIONS TO THE CLOSURE OF SERVICES**

As long as they offer their services in an emergency situation and provide a phone number or email to be contacted without opening a local or public establishment, they may operate:

1. Plumbers, electricians, exterminators, and other services that are necessary for the maintenance of health, safety, and essential operation at the individual, residential, commercial, industrial, or public level. This includes maintenance of elevators or pools. The housing areas with access control and their administrators must faithfully comply with the guidelines of this Executive Order under the responsibility of being liable.
2. Roadside assistance and locksmith companies, only to attend to emergencies, and to those effects provide a telephone contact or electronic message. Any establishment that receives public, related to these businesses must remain closed.
3. Package delivery and shipping companies
4. Regarding funeral services, bodies may be collected or transferred, embalming, cremation and burial, but not funerals or wakes in which the public meets
5. Companies that offer repair service and vehicle parts, including automotive technicians, tire workers and parts distributors, may operate to attend emergencies on Wednesdays and Thursdays, ONLY between 9:00 a.m. and 12 p.m. (noon) by appointment and should establish some method of contact by phone or email to coordinate them. They must ensure and take control of the person they appoint so as not to have more than 1 client at a time and keeping the appropriate security measures to avoid contagion and without the establishment being open to receive the general public.

6. Hardware stores may operate on Fridays and Saturdays, between 9:00 a.m. and 12 p.m. (noon), only by appointment, establishing some method of telephone or email contact, to coordinate the sale and delivery of the merchandise in an orderly manner, but without being open to receive the general public. The people in charge of the establishment must ensure and take control of the person they appoint so as not to have more than 1 client at a time.

7. Regarding the critical telecommunications infrastructure, the installation, repair, maintenance and building's rehabilitation works will be allowed.

### **PREFERRED SHIFTS**

All businesses authorized to operate in this Order are recommended, to the extent possible, to offer preferential shifts to those who work in hospitals, technological laboratories and law enforcement officers.

### **DENTAL OFFICES**

They must remain closed, according to the recommendations of the ADA and the Dental Board of Puerto Rico. They will be able to take measures for emergency procedures for which they should include a phone number for patients to call and coordinate.

### **MEDICAL DOCTORS**

All elective medical procedures must be suspended. All medical doctors must make an evaluation and take the measures to determine the closure of their offices or attend patients particularly in cases of emergency, they must do it by appointment and taking rigorous security measures. Crowding of people is NOT allowed. They should pay attention and take measures in the case of pregnant women. All specialized treatment offices such as dialysis centers, cancer treatment and others are exempt so they must continue offering services for the benefit of their patients.

### **ESTABLISHMENT OF GUIDES BY THE AGENCIES**

The provisions established herein may be defined and reinforced in detail through guides issued by any agency called to regulate the services discussed here, once approved by the Governor, who may delegate this function to the Secretary of the Government.

### **EXCLUDED PERSONNEL**

The provisions of this Order shall not apply to:

1. Persons duly identified as employees of public or private security agencies, at the state and federal levels
2. Health professionals, including mental health professionals, personnel who work in hospitals, pharmacies, pharmaceuticals, bioscience facilities or health centers
3. Personnel who are working in the wholesale distribution chain and the manufacture of goods and food, including those necessary for agricultural activity such as agro-centers, from the origin to the points of sale to the consumer, including retail points of sale for example, fresh food kiosks (fruits, produce and vegetables) established prior to March 15, 2020, as long as they take measures to safeguard health (e.g., masks, gloves, disinfectants, etc.) and serve them without the need for agglomeration of people, understanding that it is one customer at a time.
4. Personnel who are working with utilities or critical infrastructure
5. Call center staff
6. Port and airport staff
7. Members of the press and media

8. Those citizens who are attending emergency or health situations
9. Officials who carry out essential tasks in the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Branches.

## **TOLLS**

As of March 31, 2020, the payment of tolls on highways of the Government of Puerto Rico will be reestablished. However, no fines will be charged for passing a toll without having a balance in your Autoexpreso account, during the term of this Order as the recharge centers are closed.

## **TRANSITORY PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE CURRENT LOCKDOWN**

To facilitate the workers of Puerto Rico to be compensated in accordance with their contracts and applicable laws, EXCLUSIVELY during Tuesday, March 31, 2020 between 5:00 a.m. At 12:00 p.m. (noon), up to five (5) employees per employer will be exempt from the lockdown, in order to process payments for the payroll periods or cycles that expire during the month of March 2020; and to encourage telework.

## **CELEBRATION OF RELIGIOUS EVENTS THROUGH ELECTRONIC MEANS**

Priests, pastors, reverends, bishops, imams, rabbis and/or any main leader of a religious entity, who can accredit this and who do not manifest flu-like symptoms associated with COVID-19, may leave their place of residence outside the limitations imposed in this Order, only in situations of emergencies or crises for the exercise of their ministerial responsibilities, and that said intervention cannot be carried out by telephone or other alternate means of communication.

Any church, temple, mosque and/or synagogue that has media such as radio, television or digital media, may, without the participation of the parishioners, carry out the services, masses, cults or main events of their religion, and then broadcast live or on deferred recording, in those places. The number of people required (e.g., sound technicians, cameramen, or ancillary personnel) may never exceed 10 people, ensure that they do not have symptoms associated with COVID-19, and maintain social distancing. This activity will be authorized limited to what is strictly necessary.

## **CLOSURE OF BUSINESSES AND PRIVATE ENTITIES**

The total closure will apply 24 hours a day to cinemas, discotheques, concert halls, theaters, game rooms, casinos, amusement parks, gyms, bars and any similar place or event that encourages the gathering of a group of citizens in the same place.

## **CONSTRUCTION SECTOR**

The construction sector is authorized as essential under the COVID-19 emergency, as long as it is to offer critical maintenance or repair services related to hospitals, drinking water, electricity and communications.

## **MARITIME TRAFFICKING OF RECREATIONAL CRAFT**

All marinas in Puerto Rico will be closed. Exceptions are established under the criteria of emergency, commercial fishing, residents of vessels and federal regulations.

## **BREACH**

In the event of non-compliance with the provisions contained in this Executive Order by any person and/or company, penal sanctions and those fines established by the provisions of any applicable law will be implemented and Law 20-2017, as amended, which establishes a sentence of imprisonment that will not exceed six (6) months or a fine that will not exceed five thousand (5,000) dollars or both penalties at the discretion of the court.