

Demystifying "Shelter in Place"/"Stay at Home" Orders

Hello, FNBSF Teammates!

As daily updates continue to unfold about the COVID-19, one term you may be hearing is "Shelter-in-Place" or "Stay-at-Home" orders. Northern California (San Francisco) and New York were the first to announce a "stay-at-home (shelter in place)" order in an attempt to prevent the further spread of COVID-19. Below is some information to help better understand what this means if it were to happen here in our local communities or South Dakota.

What is a Stay-at-Home order?

Stay-at-Home directives are intended to help stop the spread of the virus by keeping people at home. All non-essential businesses are ordered closed under the directives, leaving only hospitals, fire departments, law enforcement and limited essential businesses including grocery stores, pharmacies, banks, etc. open.

People should stay in their homes unless they need to leave for "essential" activities and work.

What exactly is 'essential'?

The Stay-at-Home order San Francisco adopted has fairly large exemptions for health, work, food, and even exercise.

There, city officials ordered residents to remain in place at their homes except for essential activities, essential business and essential government functions, including:

- Tasks essential to maintain health and safety, such as obtaining medicine or seeing a doctor.
- Getting necessary services or supplies for themselves or their family or household members, such as getting food and supplies, pet food and supplies necessary for staying at home.
- Engaging in outdoor activity, such as walking, hiking or running provided that they maintain at least 6 feet of social distancing.
- Caring for a family member in another household.
- Caring for elderly, minors, dependents, people with disabilities or other vulnerable persons.

The Stay-at-Home order also *does not apply* to those going to work in an essential business or essential government function. That includes:

- Health care operations, including home health workers.
- Essential Infrastructure, including construction of housing and operation of public transportation and utilities.
- Grocery stores, farmers' markets, food banks, convenience stores.
- Businesses that provide necessities of life for economically disadvantaged individuals and shelter facilities.
- Pharmacies, health care supply stores and health care facilities.
- Gas stations and auto repair facilities.
- Banks.
- Garbage collection.
- Hardware stores, plumbers, electricians and other service providers necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation and essential operation of residences and other essential businesses.
- Educational institutions, for the purposes of facilitating distance learning.
- Laundromats, dry cleaners and laundry service providers.
- Businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food and goods directly to residences.
- Childcare facilities providing services that enable essential employees to go to work.
- Roles required for any essential business to "maintain basic operations," which include security, payroll and similar activities.

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As we continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation, we will keep you informed what we will do as the FNBSF - if a "Stay-at-Home" order should be announced in our local communities or the State of South Dakota.

Thank you for your patience and teamwork as we work through these unprecedented times.

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