

# State COVID-Operation Snapshot for Minnesota

## **Statewide Mask Order: No.**

Gov. Tim Walz's mask order took effect July 25, superseding a prior mandate that applied to employees at stores, restaurants and other consumer-facing businesses. Children age 5 and under are exempt. People are not required to wear a mask when working alone in an office or cubicle with walls above face height when social distancing is maintained but must keep one handy for interacting with others.

## **Statewide Travel Restrictions: No.**

## **Current Executive Order Status: Stay Safe Phase 3**

Minnesota began operating on June 10 in Phase 3 Non-critical businesses to safely reopen as well as federal CISA essential business to expand operations.

The state had previously issued a stay at home order beginning March 27, and which was modified in early May to allow manufacturers in the state who might not have previously fallen into the "critical manufacturing" category to reopen. The state had adopted the federal CISA guidelines as its definition of essential business, with some added language for manufacturing.

Manufacturers should refer to the reopening guidance for manufacturers in planning a return to normal operations. For instance, businesses that intend to reopen must implement a Preparedness Plan covering how the company will keep sick employees at home, promote telework, enforce social distancing, support hygiene and approach disinfection if necessary.

According to the order, senior management responsible for implementing these plans must sign and certify their company's plan and share it to company employees.

## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

- Minnesota Safely Reopening Economy and Ensuring Safe Non-Work Activities – [Click Here](#)
- Minnesota March 27 Stay at Home Order - [Click Here](#)
- News Release (April 30) on Stay at Home Extension – [Click Here](#)
- April 24 Stay at Home Extension and Update — [Learn More](#)
- Minnesota Stay at Home Extension Guidance – [Learn More](#)
- Minnesota Preparedness Plan Template — [View Here](#)
- Minnesota Guidance on Essential Businesses — [See More](#)
- Minnesota April 8 Stay at Home Order Extension - [Click Here](#)
- Minnesota Chamber COVID-19 Resources Page - [Click Here](#)

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