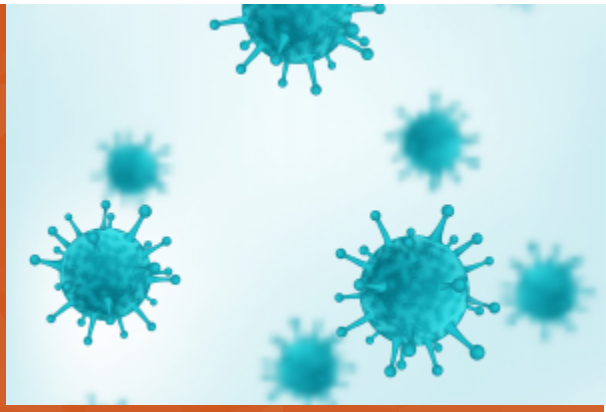
COVID-19 Alert: "Non-Essential" Businesses



Massachusetts Governor Orders "Non-Essential" Businesses To Close Physical Workplaces By Tuesday, March 24

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On March 23, 2020, Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker issued an Emergency Order requiring all businesses and organizations that do *not* provide "COVID-19 Essential Services" to close their physical workplaces and facilities to workers, customers and the public.

The Emergency Order goes into effect on **Tuesday, March 24th at noon**, and remains in effect until **Tuesday, April 7th**, or until otherwise ordered.

Please refer to the list of "**COVID-19 Essential Services**" that are exempted from the Emergency Order.

Businesses that are designated as "Essential" are directed to follow social distancing protocols for workers in accordance with guidance from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, as aggregated at the following sites:

COVID-19 Prevention and Treatment

COVID-19 Guidance and Directives

Revised Guidance Regarding The Order By The Governor Prohibiting Assemblages Of More Than 10 People And On-Premises Consumption Of Food And Beverages

Businesses and organizations *not* on the list of essential services are encouraged to continue operations through remote means that do not require workers, customers, or the public to enter or appear at workplace premises impacted by the Emergency Order.

Information concerning this Emergency Order is developing.

The Morse Employment Law team is following this, and other matters related to COVID-19 responses, and will continue to report as appropriate.