

## COVID-19 – List of essential services (Québec)

AS of this moment, the province of Ontario has announced that all non-essential services will be closed as of March 24, 11:59, and for a period of at least 14 days. We are still waiting for a list of what will be considered essential-services in Ontario. This should be disclosed tomorrow morning.

The province of Québec has already released its list of essential services. The list below (**which applies to the province of Québec**) may give us **some insight** into what to expect tomorrow.

### Essential health care services

Essential health care services, including:

- All occupations in the health and social services network
- Pre-hospital emergency services (paramedics and paramedics, dispatcher and dispatcher)
- Private professional resource offices (health network)
- Pharmacies
- Dentists (emergency consultations)
- Optometry (emergency services)
- Intermediate resources and private seniors' residences
- Home services for seniors, the disabled and the vulnerable
- Specialized accommodation resources (domestic violence, homelessness, drug addiction, etc.)
- 811 and 911 call center workers
- Héma Québec
- Transplant-Quebec
- Red Cross
- National Institute of Public Health of Quebec (INSPQ)
- Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec (RAMQ)
- Production, supply and distribution of drugs, vaccines and pharmaceutical goods and medical equipment (including laboratory and research center)
- Veterinarians
- Animal shelters

## Public security services

Public security services, including:

- Police services, including dispatch of emergency calls (municipal and Sûreté du Québec)
- Fire services
- Correctional services
- Special constables
- Security agencies
- Ministry of Public Security (civil security and coroners)
- Forest firefighters and all types of professionals supporting civil security operations
- Courthouse (Staff required to maintain minimum operations)
- Communication services

## Essential government services

The following essential government services:

- Early Childhood Educators and Support Staff
- Online higher education
- Providers of goods and services for poor citizens
- Food inspection
- Waste collection
- Government Air Services
- Suicide prevention center
- Communication center with clients from the Ministry of Labor, Employment and Social Solidarity
- Assistance services for victims of domestic violence
- Income security and social security
- Resources deemed essential by the municipalities (administration, public works, etc.).

## Maintenance and operations of strategic infrastructures

Maintenance and operations of strategic infrastructure, including:

- Energy production, supply, transport and distribution (electricity, fossil fuels)
- Keeping essential public infrastructure in good working order (bridges, municipal buildings, etc.)
- Construction, maintenance and maintenance of essential activities linked in particular to public and private infrastructure which may involve a risk to public health and safety (private dam, management of dangerous and radioactive materials, etc.)
- Sanitary services and supply chain (example: water treatment plant)
- IT resources (security, maintenance, urgent needs related to the situation)
- Data centers

## Essential manufacturing activities

Essential manufacturing activities, including:

- Food production (examples: agricultural businesses, food processing, beverage, slaughterhouses, vegetable production)
- Production of necessary inputs for essential sectors
- Manufacture of medical instruments
- Chemical manufacturing
- Manufacture of sanitary products
- Manufacturing of microelectronics components
- Industrial complexes (especially the aluminum sector) and mining must minimize their activities
- Defense manufacturing and maintenance

## Essential shops

Essential businesses, including:

- Grocery stores and other food businesses
- Pharmacies
- Convenience stores
- Large stores outside shopping centers (offering grocery, pharmacy or hardware services)
- Products for agricultural holdings (mechanics, fertilizers, etc.)
- Société des alcools du Québec (SAQ) and Société québécoise du cannabis (SQDC)
- Funeral homes, cremation and cemeteries
- Restaurants (take out or delivery counters only)
- Hotels
- Cleaners and lavomat
- Medical and orthopedic trade
- Pet food stores and supplies
- Movers
- Work equipment (safety and protection)

## Media and telecommunications

The following media and telecommunications services:

- Telecommunications (network and equipment)
- Cable distributors
- Printers (only for printing newspapers)
- National media
- Local media

## Banking and financial services

Banking and financial services, including:

- Financial services (Financial institutions, ATMs and other payment methods)
- Insurance services (telephone service)
- Payroll services
- Accounting services
- Financial market services

## Building sector

In the construction sector:

- Construction firms for emergency repairs or for security purposes
- Electricians and plumbers and other trades for emergency services
- Rental equipment
- Building maintenance and upkeep services
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## Housekeeping

Firms related to building maintenance (elevators, ventilation, alarm, etc.)

## Essential transport and logistics services

The following essential transport and logistics services:

- Public transport and transport of people
- Ports and airports
- Maintenance services of locomotives, aircraft and essential aeronautical operations (air transport)
- Supply and distribution of food, groceries and convenience stores
- Transport, storage and distribution of essential goods
- Snow removal and maintenance of functional road links
- Service stations and mechanical repair of motor vehicles, trucks and specialized equipment for industries considered essential
- Taxis and paratransit services
- Postal, courier and parcel delivery services