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Date: March 23, 2020 .
From: AIA Team
RE: **COVID-19 Public Safety Orders (“Stay at Home”) and Insurance Business Exemptions**

As you know, the COVID-19 virus has caused states and local jurisdictions to issue “stay at home” orders for the general public to minimize the spread of the virus. Each day, more jurisdictions are issuing such orders. We are reviewing the orders and will be periodically providing information to you, so you know what these orders mean for your bail business.

Over the past week or so, the following states issued similar stay at home orders: New York, Washington State, California, Ohio, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Michigan. Additionally, several large counties across the country have also issued similar orders (i.e., Dallas County). Click on the links below to see the latest State and County Orders.

California - <https://www.aiaSurety.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/CDI-Essential-Services-Notice-1.pdf>

Michigan - https://www.aiaSurety.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Stay-in-Home-Executive-Order_MI.pdf

Dallas - <https://www.aiaSurety.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Dal-Co-Amendment.pdf>

As we mentioned in our communication to you last week about the California stay at home order, insurance is an “Essential Business” that is exempt. AIA, and you as our licensed bail agent, are in the insurance business. You should still follow social distancing and other safety recommendations issued by the government.

On March 20, California Insurance Commissioner Lara issued a Notice confirming that the insurance business is an essential business and as such, should:

“...[C]ontinue to provide as many core insurance functions as possible during the COVID-19 pandemic while balancing the protection of the health or safety of their employees and other workers. Any insurance employee or worker continuing to perform core insurance functions during the pandemic should be encouraged to work remotely when possible, comply with social distancing requirements to the extent possible if in-person functions are necessary, and focus only on core insurance activities and functions. It is encouraged that in-person, non-mandatory activities deemed non-essential should be delayed, if possible, until the resumption of normal operations.”

Pennsylvania Governor Wolf recently also defined insurance as an essential business/service and issued a chart outlining stay at home exempt business categories. Click the following link to see the chart:

Pennsylvania - <https://www.scribd.com/document/452553026/UPDATED-Industry-Operation-Guidance-March-20-2020>

(See Page 3, Financial Activities, Finance and Insurance Sector, Insurance Carriers and Related Activities - May Continue Physical Operations.)

Bail is insurance. Bail surety companies are licensed by state insurance regulators to write bail and do so through licensed and appointed bail agents. The bail industry is an essential business both in terms of insurance and providing essential, required services to the judicial system.

Please stay safe and operate your businesses safely, according to your state or local government's orders. We will continue to provide you updates as they become available. As always, feel free to contact our team at any time with any questions whatsoever at 800.935.2245.