
ALLEGHENY CASUALTY
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Date: April 1, 2020
From: AIA Team
RE: **UPDATE - Governor McMaster's Executive Order (No. 2020-17)**

Per our email last night regarding Governor McMaster's Executive Order ordering all non-essential businesses to cease operations by April 1, 2020, we have updated information. After submitting an online form and sending an email making our case to be designated as an Essential Business in South Carolina (click here to see the email <https://bit.ly/3azu9ze>), we have received confirmation from the South Carolina Department of Commerce that **business operations are Essential Businesses and can remain open during the COVID-19 pandemic**. See the response below.

From: COVID-19 SC <covid19sc@sccommerce.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 7:36 AM
To: James Portman <james.portman@aiaSurety.com>
Subject: Response to Clarification of Business Designation
Importance: Low

Dear International Fidelity Insurance Company/Allegheny Casualty Company,

Thank you for your request to be continue operating pursuant to Executive Order 2020-17 as issued by Governor McMaster on Tuesday, March 31st.

We have reviewed your request, and per the guidance included in Executive Order 2020-17, your business can continue operating during this time of COVID-19 pandemic.

Please note that businesses should comply with Centers for Disease Control and Occupational Safety Health and Administration guidance on workplace safety and prevention of disease spread. This exemption approval is subject to continuance of and compliance with the social distancing and other mitigation measures to protect employees and the public, including virtual and telework operations (e.g. work from home) as the primary option when available. In-person work at a business site is only to be performed on the most limited basis possible to deliver the services or goods of your life-sustaining business.

At this time, you and your business can continue to operate. However, per the direction of the SCDOC, please operate your business in accordance with the guidelines set out by CDC, the State of South Carolina and the Occupational

Safety and Health Administration. Employ social distancing practices and follow all mitigation measures to protect your employees.

We hope this clarifies the situation. Please do not hesitate to contact our team with any questions whatsoever at 800.935.2245. Also, don't forget to visit our COVID-19 update site to see more communications and updates <https://www.aiaSurety.com/covid-19/>.