

The Governor of MA announced additional efforts to mitigate the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19). Efforts announced by the Governor include:

- **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** as of Tuesday, March 24, at 12:00pm until Tuesday, April 7, 12:00pm. These businesses are encouraged to continue operations remotely.
- **Advising residents to stay home and avoid unnecessary travel and other unnecessary activities until Tuesday, April 7, 2020.**
- **Limiting gatherings to 10 people** during the state of emergency. The order does not prohibit gatherings of more than 10 people in an outdoor space, like a park or athletic field

A list of Essential Services is included in a PDF on the Mass.gov website. Some places include: groceries, restaurants (take-out only), pharmacies, hardware stores, and the like.

Mass. employees at DEP are continuing to work remotely (at home), although our management has declared that non-essential activities, like routine groundwater monitoring, be postponed. We continue to perform O&M of facilities (such as groundwater treatment plants) in the Superfund program. We continue to review documents sent electronically by EPA, PRPs, or our waste site cleanup contractors.