

# COVID-19 Update - Mayor Bowser Orders All Non-Essential Businesses to Close



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**Dear HAWDC Member:**

Today, Mayor Bowser held a press conference in which she announced that all non-essential businesses in DC will be required to close. Hotels and restaurants are considered "essential" businesses and will be allowed to remain open.

At present, Mayor Bowser did not state the effective date and time of the order; however, she did state that it will be similar to the orders previously issued in Maryland and Virginia. HAWDC will update members when the official order is released.

Although a shelter-in-place order is not in effect, Mayor Bowser said she expects residents to "stay at home except for essential trips."

For more information regarding the virus please go to <https://coronavirus.dc.gov> or the CDC's website by clicking [here](#).

Regards,  
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