

"Stay Home Work Safe" Order

Harris County Industry Operations Sustainability

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At 08:15 this morning, Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo announced her, "Stay Home Work Safe" Order, the next step in managing the COVID-19 crisis. The Judge stated critical industry as defined by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), is exempt from the Order, except where it strongly emphasizes the practice of social distancing at the workplace.

Our industry partners are taking steps to manage the COVID-19 pandemic while maintaining operations of their facilities. Non-critical employees are working remotely and the facilities are staffed by operations and maintenance personnel necessary to safely operate the facility. There is an expectation that companies will continue to assess which employees can be task to work remotely in order to support our "Stay Home Work Safe" concept.

As stated in a previous memo, "there is broad recognition within the country that critical infrastructure and industries **must continue to operate**. Shutting down our industrial sector would cripple our already fragile economy and severely limit the availability of goods necessary to sustain basic needs (fuel, food, etc.)."

We still have no plans to restrict access, restrict mobility, nor implement a specialized industry credentialing system. Please call me if you experience access issues or need to further discuss.

For more information and guidance on CISA, go to, <https://www.cisa.gov/critical-infrastructure-sectors>.



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