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"I want to make clear that the order at this point in time is still in draft form. We are trying to be very careful and moderated in what is included in that order, so I'm going to go over a list, generally, of what the order is going to include with things and activities that people will be able to engage in, and again, I caution you that this is a work in progress. If you'll bear with me, it's a rather long list and I'll try to get through it as quickly as possible.

The order is going to allow people to engage in essential travel, essential activities, essential government activities, and essential business. So let me first discuss what essential activities are that people may leave their homes to engage in.

You may leave your homes for essential activity of taking care of your health and safety and that of your household members, your family members, and your pets. You may leave your home to obtain necessary food and supplies such as pharmacy items, grocery items, sanitary items. It also will include you may leave your home for outdoor activity, including walking, hiking, and running. You may leave your home to perform work to provide for yourself for essential products or items you will need to continue your businesses and you will also be able to leave to care for pets or family members in other households. The order will also identify that you may leave your home to engage in healthcare operations, so you may leave to attend to a doctor's appointment, dentist appointments, veterinary appointments, hospital appointments.

Also allowed under the order will be the ability to engage in essential infrastructure activities. This will include public works projects. If there's roads or sewers or water that needs to be repaired, those activities will and can continue. Airport operations can continue. All operations as they... excuse me... go to water, sewer, gas, electrical, public transportation, solid waste, and telecommunications.

First responders will all be able to leave their homes. That includes law enforcement, dispatchers, anybody included in emergency management, and court personnel to the extent that the courts remain open. Essential government functions will remain open and it's important to, under this category, to understand that each local jurisdiction will be identifying and defining what their essential government functions are and we will leave it to each jurisdiction to identify those functions.

Essential functions will also include non-profit organizations and educational entities to the extent that they provide essential services to the public.

The list of essential businesses that will be allowed to continue is also rather lengthy, and that will again include healthcare operations and essential infrastructure, grocery stores, certified farmers markets, food banks, and stores that provide household items such as cleaning items, sanitary items, personal care products. Food cultivation, including farming, livestock, fishing, and other ag operations will be allowed to continue. Businesses that provide food, shelter, social services and other necessities will be allowed to continue operating. Newspapers, television, radio and other media services will also be continuing their operations. Gas stations, auto supply, auto repair, and related facilities will operate. Banks and related financial institutions, hardware stores will be allowed to remain open. Plumbers, electricians, exterminators, and any other

services that are necessary to maintain safety, sanitation, and essential operation of your residences will be allowed to operate.

Businesses providing mailing and shipping services such as post offices and post office boxes will be able to remain open, as will educational institutions, and again, that also depends on what orders the schools have put in place themselves. Laundromats, dry cleaners and laundry services, restaurants and other facilities will be allowed to remain open but only for delivery and carry out.

Businesses that supply products needed for people to work from home will be allowed to continue to operate. Businesses that supply other essential businesses will also be allowed to continue operating. Businesses that ship and deliver groceries or other goods and services to residences will continue to operate. Airlines, taxis and private transportation providing those services for the necessity of which you will need for your essential activities will continue.

Home-based care for seniors, adults or children will continue. Residential facilities, shelters for seniors, adults and children will also continue. Professional services such as legal and accounting services will be allowed to continue to operate when they are necessary to comply with the mandated services within the order. Childcare facilities that provide services that enable employees to work under this order will also be allowed.

At this point in time, this is the list we have. Again, as I said, it will continue to be changed and amended and we should be able to issue the order sometime later this afternoon. Thank you.”