

# COVID-19 Task Force

## District of Columbia Guidance for the COVID-19 Pandemic

### ALERT

#### Mayor Muriel Bowser Issues Stay-at-Home Order for the District of Columbia

Monday, March 30, 2020

Mayor Muriel Bowser issued a stay-at-home order for the District of Columbia, due to the increasing number of coronavirus (COVID-19) cases in Washington, DC, and across the region and the nation. This order reinforces the Mayor's earlier instructions to residents to stay at home except to perform essential activities.

"Our message remains the same – stay home," said Mayor Bowser. "Staying at home is the best way to flatten the curve and protect yourself, your family, and our entire community from COVID-19. Many people want to know how they can help right now, and for most people this is how – by staying home."

The Mayor's order specifies that residents may leave their residences only to:

- Engage in essential activities, including obtaining medical care that cannot be provided through telehealth, and obtaining food and essential household goods
- Perform or access essential government functions
- Work at essential businesses
- Engage in essential travel
- Engage in allowable recreational activities, as defined in Mayor's Order 2020-054.

Any individual who willfully violates the stay-at-home order may be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, subject to a fine not exceeding \$5,000, imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or both.

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#### "Stay-at-home" order

The District has issued an official "stay-at-home" order. Visit "Stay Home DC."

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