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Grand Traverse County Health Department declares Emergency Order for essential businesses

The Grand Traverse County Health Department is declaring Grand Traverse County Public Health Officer - Emergency Order (GT-2020-01), requiring screening and social distancing measures at open essential businesses and operations subject to the Governor's Executive Order 2020-21. The emergency order goes into effect on April 9, 2020 at 12:00am and remains in effect until April 30, 2020 at 11:59pm.

“Our community is depending on these essential workers and essential businesses to keep us going during this difficult time. I am making their safety and well-being a priority, which then protects those that need their services as well,” said Wendy Hirschenberger, Health Officer, Grand Traverse County Health Department. “We know that some of those workers still having to report to work are concerned for their health and safety. We need everyone’s help to get through this, including essential business owners. This declaration adds a layer of specificity for employers to ensure the safety of their employees that are supporting our community right now in conjunction with the Stay Home, Stay Safe executive order.”

For additional resources, visit the Grand Traverse County Health Department COVID-19 [website](#) or find business toolkit and guidelines [here](#). If you have further questions regarding the Grand Traverse County Public Health Officer - Emergency Order (GT-2020-01), you can call 231-995-6800.

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