

Answers for the Construction Industry

From the COVID-19 Critical Industries Hotline

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Governor Holcomb's [Executive Order](#) requiring Hoosiers to "Stay at Home" went into effect at 11:59 p.m. on March 24, 2020 and is in effect until 11:59 p.m. on April 6, 2020. The order allows persons to leave their homes to participate in essential activities, government functions and businesses. Many businesses related to the construction industry are included in the [list of essential businesses and operations](#), e.g. financial and insurance institutions, hardware and supply stores, and critical trades.

**Members are encouraged to direct business questions related to the Stay at Home order to:
Indiana's Critical Industries Hotline**

 **877-820-0890** |  covidresponse@iedc.in.gov

Answers to questions that IBA staff has received when contacting the Hotline are provided below. Please help us keep this resource updated by [sending us](#) the answers you receive, or [sending us](#) your questions and we'll contact the Hotline on your behalf and post the answers here.

Q: Is remodeling considered an essential business?

A: Yes, remodeling is considered a critical trade and is therefore remodelers are excluded from the "Stay at Home" directive.

Q: Can a model/spec house remain open?

A: No, a model/spec home is not an essential business or operation and would be required to cease activity under the "Stay at Home" directive.

Q: I operate a pool construction business can I continue to operate?

A: If you have not dug a hole for the pool yet, then it would not be considered "essential". However if a hole has been dug or other safety hazard is presented, then construction of the pool could continue during the "Stay". The Executive Order is self-regulating so please use proper judgment.