



NEWS RELEASE

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Statement to Horse Industry in Response to Executive Order on Non-Essential Businesses

Governor Larry Hogan ordered all non-essential businesses to close by 5 p.m. March 23, 2020.

While farms and the agriculture and food supply chains are considered essential, commercial and recreational riding centers and stables should prepare to suspend their operations to the public.

Horse care, boarding facilities and other operations that provide self-care boarding for privately-owned horses are considered essential and should continue operations while implementing safety measures that promote social distancing and other best practices.

See the [Maryland Department of Health](#) and [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) for more information.

Any questions related to specific businesses can be sent to secretary.commerce@maryland.gov

If you think your business should be considered essential, please use this link to make a request:

[Click Here.](#)



STAY HOME

Even if you're feeling healthy, social distancing will help us stop the spread of COVID-19.



STAY SAFE

Wash your hands frequently, cover coughs and sneezes, and stay home if you're feeling ill.



STAY AWARE

Reputable sources include Governor Hogan, Maryland state agencies, and the CDC.



STAY CALM

No need to panic, hoard, or listen to rumors. We will all get through this together.