



LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY  
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ESSENTIAL CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE BUSINESSES  
Operation Authorization

This guidance has been adopted by the State of Louisiana:

As the Nation comes together to slow the spread of COVID-19, on March 16, 2020, President Donald Trump issued updated Coronavirus Guidelines for America. This guidance states that: "If you work in a critical infrastructure industry, as defined by the Department of Homeland Security, such as healthcare services and pharmaceutical and food supply, you have a special responsibility to maintain your normal work schedule."

The President's Coronavirus Guidelines published on March 16, (available at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/coronavirus-guidelines-america/>) instructs employees of critical infrastructure industries, such as the food and agriculture sector, to maintain normal work patterns during the global coronavirus outbreak. On March 19, the Department of Homeland Security identified the specific industries that comprise critical infrastructure industries (available at <https://www.cisa.gov/publication/guidance-essential-critical-infrastructure-workforce>).

This document certifies that the bearer is an agricultural business and/or food production business involved in the production of field crops, the manufacture of human food and/or the distribution of agricultural products and other human food through wholesale, retail, and/or foodservice distribution within a sector that has been designated as critical infrastructure, the continued operation of which is vital for security, national economic security, national public health, and safety.

Therefore, I declare that businesses that fall within the guidelines of the Department of Homeland Security are considered critical infrastructure and should continue to perform operations without hindrance.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Strain".

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