



## **COVID-19 Business Operations Statement**

We would like to update everyone about our service procedures as we work together to combat COVID-19.

We service a lot of food production and distribution facilities. With the current situation, it's important these facilities keep operating. We have been following all the new policies implemented by these facilities and are monitoring the health of employees.

If our residential customers do not want interior work done at this time, we completely understand. If interior work is necessary we have the proper PPE to protect ourselves and our customers.

Right now we are prepping to perform our Spring pest control service. Since this service is all exterior work, the service can be done with very limited customer interaction or none, if our customers prefer. We can even complete an estimate for this service with no personal interaction. We can speak with our customers over the phone and estimates can be emailed.

We even have the product and equipment to disinfect equipment and structures for customers.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact us!



## Coronavirus Update

Dear NYPMA & NPMA Members and all Non-Members,

Since the recent [Governor's Executive Order 202.6](#), signed yesterday, your association, New York Pest Management Association, has been working diligently to quickly get the pest management industry explicitly listed as an essential service. As of this Saturday evening we received a response from the Empire State Development to the attached email that said

**“Spraying for ticks and mosquitos and extermination of pests is being allowed.”**

We ask that you keep the above information on file and please also share the below with your staff should you receive questions.

Essential service definition excerpt per [Executive Oder 202.6](#): Essential services necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation and essential operations of residence.

Additionally, pest control and extermination services have been deemed essential by the United States Department of Homeland Security in [their Memorandum](#) released earlier this week. (Since there is not currently a federal shelter in place mandate, the NY State Order language currently takes precedent.)

**From Victoria Majchrzak, Project Manager, New York City Regional Office, Empire State Development:** Thank you for seeking designation as an “essential business” pursuant to the revised New York State Executive Order 202.6 with respect to your business function of essential services necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation and essential operations of residences or other essential businesses including pest management. Based on the information you have provided, that business function is already an essential business and does not require further determination. However, the designation as essential is solely with respect to those employees that must be present at the business location to support essential business activities. No other employees/personnel shall be permitted to work from your business’s location and any other business activities being completed at your location that are not essential are still subject to the revised Executive Order 202.6. Please continue to comply with all other Executive Orders and recommendations from the New York State Department of Health.

**From Meghan A. Taylor VP, Regional Director, Mid-Hudson Office, Empire State Development:** Thank you for seeking designation as an “essential business” pursuant to the New York State Executive Order 202.6 with respect to your business function of pest control. Based on the information you have provided, that business function is an essential business and is not subject to the required 75% workforce reduction pursuant to Executive Order 202.6. Any other lines of business that are not essential are still subject to Executive Order 202.6. Please continue to comply with all other Executive Orders and recommendations from the New York State Department of Health and please consider reducing your workforce to the extent practicable.

**Vincent Esposito, VP, Regional Director, Finger Lakes Regional Office, Empire State**

**Development:** Thank you for seeking designation as an “essential business” pursuant to the New York State Executive Order 202.6. Based on the information you have provided, your business enterprise is already an essential an essential business and does not require a further determination. Please continue to comply with all other Executive Orders and recommendations from the New York State Department of Health.

**Elizabeth Muehlemann, Economic Development Specialist, Long Island Office, Empire**

**State Development:** Thank you for seeking designation as an “essential business” pursuant to the revised New York State Executive Order 202.6 with respect to your business function of providing pest control in emergency situations. Based on the information you have provided, that business function is an essential business and/or supports an essential business and is not subject to the required 100% workforce reduction pursuant to the revised Executive Order 202.6. However, your business has been designated as essential solely with respect to those employees that must be present at the business location in support of essential business activities. No other employees/personnel shall be permitted to work from your business’s location. Any other business activities being completed at your location that are not essential are still subject to the revised Executive Order 202.6. Please continue to comply with all other Executive Orders and recommendations from the New York State Department of Health and please consider reducing your workforce to the extent practicable.

Regards,

NYPMA Political Affairs  
The Staff and Board of NYPMA  
National Pest Management Association