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State	Executive Order	FFL Classification: Green = essential/not closed. Yellow = no explicit closures. Red = non-essential/mandated closures
Alabama	State Emergency Order: http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/legal/assets/order-publicgathering-032020.pdf	FFLs not asked to close. “Employers shall take all reasonable steps” to meet standards of 6 foot distance between employees and customers. Note that in AL, as in other states, local governments may be imposing additional restrictions that impact FFLs.
Alaska	Health Mandate closing bars/restaurants and “entertainment facilities.” https://gov.alaska.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/03172020-SOA-COVID-19-Health-Mandate-003.pdf	FFLs not asked to close and not listed as an entertainment facility.
Arizona	Executive Order: https://azgovernor.gov/sites/default/files/eo_2020-09_3.pdf	FFLs not asked to close. Firearms and ammunition are covered as “supplies for essential businesses and operations.”
Arkansas	Emergency Declaration: https://governor.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/ExecutiveOrders/EO_20-04_.pdf	FFLs not asked to close.
California	Executive Order to “stay home or at their place of residence.” https://covid19.ca.gov/img/Executive-Order-N-33-20.pdf	FFLs not listed as Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers: http://covid19.ca.gov/img/EssentialCriticalInfrastructureWorkers.pdf Several local law enforcement agencies and local governments are actively seeking the closure of retailers.
Colorado	“Stay at Home” Executive Order: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1O1EDCY6-A6QBKxzDImCSF8bBBdOOI3Km/view	FFLs not asked to close and “firearms stores” are included as “critical retail.” Also, “warehouse/distribution and fulfillment are included as “critical services.” The order deems essential “Defense, security, and intelligence-related operations supporting the State of Colorado, local government, the U.S.



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		<p>Government or a contractor for any of the foregoing” and “defense suppliers.” https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IzfYUaxEf-UFSVAzkY_b9Cf1OMPOdlxH/view</p> <p>Note that in CO, as in other states, local governments are imposing restrictions that may impact FFLs.</p>
Connecticut	<p>Executive Order to “Stay Home:” https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Office-of-the-Governor/Executive-Orders/Lamont-Executive-Orders/Executive-Order-No-7H.pdf</p>	<p>Retailers of “guns and ammo” listed as Essential: https://portal.ct.gov/DECD/Content/Coronavirus-for-Businesses/Coronavirus-for-Businesses</p>
Delaware	<p>“Stay-at-Home” Order: https://governor.delaware.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/24/2020/03/Fifth-Modification-to-State-of-Emergency-03222020.pdf</p>	<p>Hunting and trapping businesses to remain open. Sporting goods stores to close. https://coronavirus.delaware.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/177/2020/03/Delaware-list-of-essential-and-nonessential-businesses-March-22-2020-1.pdf</p>
District of Columbia	<p>Social-Distancing Executive Order: https://mayor.dc.gov/sites/default/files/u23/Mayor%20Order%202020-51.pdf</p>	<p>FFLs not asked to close. Mass gatherings (50+) are banned, and businesses including close-contact businesses such as nightclubs and health spas are closed.</p>
Florida	<p>Social-Distancing Executive Order: https://www.flgov.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/EO-20-68.pdf</p>	<p>FFLs not asked to close. There are specific restrictions for bars, restaurants, beaches and nightclubs.</p> <p>Note that in FL, as in other states, local governments are imposing restrictions that may impact FFLs.</p>
Georgia	<p>Shelter-in-Place for At Risk Populations Only: https://gov.georgia.gov/document/2020-executive-order/03232001/download</p>	<p>GA has a statute (O.C.G.A. Section 38-3-51) that prohibits the state from limiting the sale, dispensing, or transportation of “firearms or ammunition or any component thereof”</p> <p>FFLs not asked to close. Bars and nightclubs have been ordered to close. And gatherings of 10+ people require 6 feet between people at all times.</p>
Hawaii	<p>“Stay at Home” Executive Order: https://governor.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/2003162-ATG_Third-</p>	<p>“firearm and ammunition suppliers and retailers” are listed as essential. Also uses the CISA list for essential workers,</p>



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	Supplementary-Proclamation-for-COVID-19-signed.pdf	which includes manufacturers with DOD contracts
Idaho	Governor has urged residents to follow federal guidance: https://gov.idaho.gov/pressrelease/idaho-adopts-latest-federal-guidance-to-prevent-coronavirus-spread/	FFLs not asked to close.
Illinois	“Stay at Home” Executive Order: https://www2.illinois.gov/Documents/ExecOrders/2020/ExecutiveOrder-2020-10.pdf	“Firearm and ammunition suppliers and retailers” are listed as essential businesses and operations.
Indiana	Executive Order: https://www.in.gov/gov/files/Executive_Order_20-08_Stay_at_Home.pdf	“Firearm and ammunition suppliers and retailers” are listed as essential businesses and operations. Also uses the CISA list for essential workers, which includes manufacturers with DOD contracts
Iowa	Limited Social Distancing Order: https://governor.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Public%20Health%20Proclamation%20-%202020.03.22.pdf	FFLs not asked to close. Mandates closure of specific close-contact businesses such as salons, tanning facilities and swimming pools. Additional order suspends regulations requiring “personal delivery of applications for permits to acquire pistols or revolvers” and directs each sheriff’s office to “formulate and implement a policy for the procedure for accepting permits to acquire pistols and revolvers and applications for permits to carry weapons...” to include acceptance by mail and electronic means. https://governor.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Public%20Health%20Proclamation%20-%202020.03.19.pdf
Kansas	No state-wide stay at home order. Executive Order outlining essential businesses for any local stay at home orders: https://governor.kansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/EO-20-15-Executed.pdf	FFLs not asked to close. Mass gatherings are limited to 10 people. https://governor.kansas.gov/governor-kelly-announces-executive-order-to-further-improve-public-safety-regarding-covid-19-pandemic/ Note that in KS, as in other states, local governments are imposing restrictions that may impact FFLs. The Executive Order outlining what local governments



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		should consider “essential” includes businesses that “provide public safety,” manufacture equipment used for Essential Functions or Critical Infrastructure,” and “provide material and operational support to defense.”
Kentucky	Executive Order: https://governor.ky.gov/attachments/20200322/Executive-Order_2020-246_Retail.pdf	FFLs not asked to close. “firearm and ammunition suppliers and retailers” are listed as examples of essential businesses and operations. Manufacturers and distributors are also covered under “manufacture, distribution and supply chain for critical products and industries.” The order also states: “nothing in this Order should be construed to interfere with the lawful sale of firearms and ammunition. Any businesses engaged in the lawful sale of firearms and ammunition must follow social distancing and hygiene guidance from the CDC and the Kentucky Department of Public Health, including: ensuring physical separation of employees and customers by at least six feet when possible...”
Louisiana	“Stay at Home” Order: https://gov.louisiana.gov/assets/Proclamations/2020/JBE-33-2020.pdf	“Firearm and ammunition suppliers and retailers” are listed as examples of essential businesses and operations.
Maine	Executive Order: https://www.maine.gov/governor/mills/sites/maine.gov/governor.mills/files/inline-files/Executive%20Order%20to%20Protect%20Public%20Health%20.pdf	FFLs not asked to close. Only bars and restaurants are asked to close.
Maryland	Executive Order: https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Gatherings-THIRD-AMENDED-3.23.20.pdf	FFLs not asked to close. Governor’s office and State Police confirm that retailers may remain open. Maryland State Police released a statement on the issue saying: “The governor’s orders do not close gun stores. Under federal guidelines and advice from the governor’s legal counsel, gun stores are retail establishments that can remain open, provided they comply



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		<p>with the 10-person requirement and social distancing guidelines." https://www.wbalv.com/article/gun-shops-maryland-see-impact-sales-of-ammo-weapons-amid-coronavirus-outbreak/31917063</p> <p>Deems essential workers necessary for the manufacturing of materials and products needed for the defense industrial base. https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/OLC-Interpretive-Guidance-COVID19-04.pdf</p>
Massachusetts	<p>Executive Order: https://www.mass.gov/doc/march-23-2020-essential-services-and-revised-gatherings-order/download</p>	<p>Deems essential workers necessary for the manufacturing of materials and products needed for the defense industrial base. https://www.mass.gov/doc/covid-19-essential-services/download</p>
Michigan	<p>Executive Order: https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90499_90705-522626--,00.html</p>	<p>FFLs not asked to close. Uses the CISA list for essential workers, which includes manufacturers with DOD contracts</p>
Minnesota	<p>Stay at Home Executive Order: https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/6819018-EO-20-20-FINAL.html</p>	<p>FFLs not asked to close, but not explicitly deemed essential. Residents can leave their homes for reasons such as hunting and obtaining "products needed to maintain the safety... of homes and residences..." Essential services in the state are to include: "law enforcement, public safety and first responders," manufacturing related to the defense industrial base, and "Essential Supply Stores" which "sell products, tools, materials, or supplies necessary for: (1) the above Critical Sectors to continue their essential operations...or (3) for the maintenance of the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of homes or residences."</p>
Mississippi	<p>Executive Order: https://www.coronavirus.ms.gov/sites/coronavirus/files/Executive_Order_1463_-_essential_businesses.pdf</p>	<p>FFLs not asked to close. Essential services include "firearm and ammunition manufacturers and retailers."</p>



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		Also deems essential manufacturing related to the defense industrial base and “distribution and fulfillment centers”
Missouri	Social Distancing order: https://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/novel-coronavirus/pdf/social-distancing-order.pdf	FFLs not asked to close.
Montana	Order for restrictions on restaurants and close-contact businesses: http://governor.mt.gov/Portals/16/Directive%20on%20Bars%20and%20Restaurants.pdf?ver=2020-03-20-101314-937	FFLs not asked to close.
Nebraska	Social distancing is encouraged: https://www.dropbox.com/s/xydt3l8je28fzox/DHHS%20Guidance%203.16.2020%207.40pm.pdf?dl=0	FFLs not asked to close. There are restrictions on specific businesses in specific counties: https://www.dropbox.com/s/sk95elfp6bnef/sv/DHM%203.19.2020.pdf?dl=0
Nevada	Emergency Declaration: https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/2020-03-20-Declaration-of-Emergency-Directive-003.pdf	FFLs not asked to close. Manufacturing sector labor force may continue operations, with social distancing measures in place. https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/3.20-Emergency-regulations.pdf A 2007 state law prohibits NV from imposing “additional restrictions as to the lawful possession, transfer, sale, carrying, storage, display or use of firearms, ammunition or components” in a state of emergency.
New Hampshire	Emergency Declaration: https://www.governor.nh.gov/news-media/orders-2020/documents/2020-04.pdf	FFLs not asked to close.
New Jersey	Executive Order: https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-104.pdf	FFLs deemed non-essential, although not explicitly stated in Executive Order. NJ NICS closed.
New Mexico	Executive Order: https://cv.nmhealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/COVID-19-DOH-Order-fv.pdf	FFLs are not deemed essential, although they may fall into one of the broad exemptions for businesses that sell “household consumer products” or services necessary to maintain the safety of residences. There are explicit exemptions for “defense and national security-related operations supporting the



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		United States government or a contractor to the United States government” and “All facilities used by law enforcement personnel...”
New York	<p>“PAUSE” Executive Order: https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/new-york-state-pause</p>	<p>FFLs are not deemed essential. Although “defense and national security-related operations supporting the U.S. Government or a contractor to the US government” are deemed essential. https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-issues-guidance-essential-services-under-new-york-state-pause-executive-order</p>
North Carolina	<p>Executive Order restricting certain businesses: https://files.nc.gov/governor/documents/files/EO120.pdf</p>	<p>FFLs not asked to close. The only businesses asked to close are those that require “close-contact” such as gyms and hair salons, as well as entertainment facilities without a retail or dining component.</p>
North Dakota	<p>Executive Order restricting certain businesses: https://www.governor.nd.gov/sites/www/files/documents/executive-orders/Executive%20Order%202020-06.pdf</p>	<p>FFLs not asked to close. The order places restrictions on bars and restaurants as well as “recreational facilities.</p>
Ohio	<p>“Stay at Home” Order: https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/OH_OOD/2020/03/22/file_attachments/1407840/Stay%20Home%20Order.pdf</p>	<p>“Firearm and ammunition suppliers and retailers” are listed as essential businesses and operations.</p>
Oklahoma	<p>Order Recommending Social Distancing: https://www.sos.ok.gov/documents/executive/1915.pdf</p>	<p>FFLs not asked to close.</p>
Oregon	<p>Executive Order: https://govsite-assets.s3.amazonaws.com/jkAULYKcSh6DoDF8wBM0_EO%2020-12.pdf</p>	<p>FFLs not explicitly deemed essential, and not asked to close: https://govsite-assets.s3.amazonaws.com/U8FttSweRgap4JqGXdq_Press-Release-36240.pdf</p>
Pennsylvania	<p>Executive Order: https://www.scribd.com/document/452416027/20200319-TWW-COVID-19-Business-Closure-Order</p>	<p>FFLs deemed essential: firearms dealers may operate physical businesses on a limited basis to complete only the portions of a sale/transfer that must be conducted in-person under the law, subject to the following restrictions: 1) all such sale/transfers will be conducted by individual appointment during limited hours only so as to minimize social interactions and congregating of persons;</p>



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		<p>2) the dealer will comply with social distancing, sanitization of applicable area between appointments, and other mitigation measures to protect its employees and the public.</p> <p>Manufacturing is permitted for the defense industrial base, per the CISA guidance. https://www.scribd.com/document/452553026/UPDATED-2-30pm-March-24-2020-Industry-Operation-Guidance </p>
Rhode Island	<p>Executive Order restricting certain businesses: http://www.governor.ri.gov/documents/orders/Executive-Order-20-09.pdf </p>	<p>FFLs not asked to close. The only businesses asked to close are those that require “close-contact” such as gyms and hair salons, as well as public recreation and entertainment establishments.</p>
South Carolina	<p>Social Distancing Executive Order: https://governor.sc.gov/sites/default/files/Documents/Executive-Orders/2020-03-23%20eFILED%20Executive%20Order%20No.%202020-13%20-%20Authorizing%20Law%20Enforcement%20to%20Preserve%20Public%20Health.pdf </p>	<p>FFLs not asked to close.</p>
South Dakota	<p>Social Distancing Executive Order: https://news.sd.gov/newsitem.aspx?id=26560 </p>	<p>FFLs not asked to close.</p>
Tennessee	<p>Executive order restricting certain close-contact businesses: https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/pub/execorders/exec-orders-lee17.pdf </p>	<p>FFLs not asked to close.</p> <p>TN has a statute (58-2-107) that prohibits the state from limiting the sale, dispensing, or transportation of “firearms, ammunition, or firearm or ammunition components”</p>
Texas	<p>Executive Order urging social distancing: https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/press/EO-GA_08_COVID-19_preparedness_and_mitigation_FINAL_03-19-2020_1.pdf </p>	<p>FFLs not asked to close. Orders residents to avoid bars, restaurants, gyms or massage parlors.</p> <p>Note that in TX, as in other states, local governments are imposing restrictions that may impact FFLs. Attorney General Opinion requested.</p>
Utah	<p>Executive Order urging social distancing: https://coronavirus.utah.gov/wp-content/uploads/STATE-PUBLIC-HEALTH-ORDER-3.21.20.pdf </p>	<p>FFLs not asked to close.</p>



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Vermont	<p>Executive Order: https://governor.vermont.gov/sites/scott/files/documents/ADDENDUM%206%20TO%20EXECUTIVE%20ORDER%2001-20.pdf</p>	<p>FFLs not asked to close, but not explicitly deemed essential. Residents can leave their homes for reasons such as “personal safety.” Essential services in the state are to include: “law enforcement, public safety and first responders,” critical manufacturing including “other manufacturing necessary to support the COVID-19 response as well as economic and national security,” and “other vendors of technical, security, logistics, custodial and equipment repair and maintenance services necessary to support...national security.”</p> <p>All businesses that remain open are asked to conduct retail operations through online and telephone orders for delivery and curb-side pickup to the extent possible.</p>
Virginia	<p>Executive Order: https://www.governor.virginia.gov/media/governorvirginiagov/executive-actions/EO-53-Temporary-Restrictions-Due-To-Novel-Coronavirus-(COVID-19).pdf</p>	<p>Orders indoor shooting ranges to close, but otherwise does not specifically include or exempt FFLs. The FAQ document states “non-essential retail businesses must limit their operations to ten patrons or less with adequate social distancing.” https://www.governor.virginia.gov/media/governorvirginiagov/governor-of-virginia/pdf/Frequently-Asked-Questions-Regarding-EO-53.pdf</p> <p>Note: VA has a statute (44-146.15.) that prohibits the governor or any other authority in the Commonwealth from in any way limiting or prohibiting “the rights of the people to keep and bear arms... including the otherwise lawful possession, carrying, transportation, sale, or transfer of firearms...”</p>
Washington	<p>Executive Order: https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/20-25%20Coronavirus%20Stay%20Safe-</p>	<p>Deems essential workers necessary for the manufacturing of materials, services and products under DOD contracts and “workers who support the essential services required to meet national</p>



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West Virginia	Executive Order: https://coronavirus-wvgovstatus-cdn.azureedge.net/STAY_AT_HOME_ORDER.pdf	FFLs deemed essential, as “firearm and ammunition suppliers and retailers.” Also cites the CISA list for essential workers, which includes manufacturers with DOD contracts: https://coronavirus-wvgovstatus-cdn.azureedge.net/STAY_AT_HOME_ORDER.pdf
Wisconsin	“Stay at Home” Order: https://evers.wi.gov/Documents/COVID19/EMO12-SaferAtHome.pdf	FFLs deemed essential, as “firearm and ammunition suppliers and retailers.” Also cites the CISA list for essential workers, which includes manufacturers with DOD contracts
Wyoming	Executive Order mandating social distancing: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bfNol7TJwRmRpgedNWl0b11MEtZDzIDL/view	FFLs not asked to close.

