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CITY OF EL CENTRO ENCOURAGES BUSINESS OWNERS TO REVIEW THE LIST OF ESSENTIAL CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE CLASSIFICATIONS

El Centro, Ca. – April 30, 2020 – The City of El Centro is advising business owners and management teams to review the guidance provided by the State of California on their website to help clarify individual business classification as an Essential Critical Infrastructure Sector business. All businesses in the City of El Centro are encouraged to check the website regularly for updates. Those businesses that meet one or more of the 13 categories of Essential Critical Infrastructure Sector are needed to maintain continuity of operations to protect the health and well-being of all citizens of El Centro. The list can be found by clicking <https://covid19.ca.gov/img/EssentialCriticalInfrastructureWorkers.pdf>.

In the State guidance, some essential categories are very clear. For example, if you are a Dentist, you are clearly defined as an Essential Critical Worker that provides care delivery and support of healthcare in our community. In contrast, other areas can be less clear or may have been added to the list since first published. For example, if you are a home maintenance professional and your trade is not specifically addressed. In this case, you may be able to operate under the definition: *Workers such as plumbers, electricians, exterminators, and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences.* Essential operation of residences would include maintaining systems like air conditioning, drinking water, or maintaining a pool or yard.

The public is encouraged to call the City of El Centro Information Line by dialing (760) 337-4037 Monday – Friday between the hours of 8 AM – 5 PM. City of El Centro staff is available to assist you in determining if your business falls into one or more of the 13 categories of Essential Critical Infrastructure Sectors. For general information about COVID-19, the public is encouraged to visit the Imperial County Public Health Department's website at www.icphd.org, the California Department of Public Health website at www.cdph.ca.gov, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at www.cdc.gov, or the California Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response website at www.covid19.ca.gov. The public is encouraged to follow the City's official social media platforms for the most updated information.

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