



**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
INSPECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
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Construction Closure Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What type of construction is required stop?

All non-essential construction is required to be secured and made safe no later than MARCH 27, 2020.

What is considered essential construction?

Construction occurring in/on occupied dwellings and all type of “emergency” work is considered essential.

What is considered non-essential construction?

All new construction and construction of unoccupied buildings is considered non-essential.

Who do I contact to find out if my project is considered essential and non-essential?

Please contact your project inspector (the inspector who issued the permit) to determine project classification.

Are there instances where non-essential construction can continue after March 27th?

The only activity allowed on non-essential construction projects after March 27th will be preapproved closure plans that require additional time to secure for safety purposes. These plans will be approved by the Director of Inspectional Services and the Chief Building Inspector.

What will happen if a non-essential construction project does not stop work?

If a non-essential construction project continues to have work performed after March 27th **ALL OPEN PERMITS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PERMIT HOLDER WILL BE REVOKED.** If a permit is revoked a new one will be required to be obtained under any new applicable codes and regulations.

When will non-essential construction projects be allowed to resume work?

At this time it is uncertain how long the shutdown will continue. Any new information will be posted on the ISD and CitizenServe webpages.

Are there special requirements for essential projects that are allowed to continue?

Yes, any project determined to be essential and allowed to continue will be required to submit a Job Hazard Analysis and Safety Plan for the activities that are allowed to continue. Examples can be found on the ISD and CitizenServe webpage.

Please contact your project inspector with any additional questions.