



COVID-19: Status Update

CME is pleased to confirm that all manufacturing along with its integrated supply chains in Ontario are considered an essential service and have been deemed exempt from mandated business closures. Manufacturing is essential both to help respond to the crisis and to be the basis on which the economy will rebound in the coming months.

Last evening, the Government of Ontario released its [list of essential workplaces](#). The definitions of supply chains, manufacturing and agriculture and production is as follows:

SUPPLY CHAINS

Businesses that supply other essential businesses or essential services with the support, supplies, systems or services, including processing, packaging, distribution, delivery and maintenance necessary to operate.

MANUFACTURING AND PRODUCTION

Businesses that extract, manufacture, process and distribute goods, products, equipment and materials, including businesses that manufacture inputs to other manufacturers (e.g. primary metal/ steel, blow molding, component manufacturers, chemicals, etc. that feed the end-product manufacturer). Businesses, facilities and services that support and facilitate the two-way movement of essential goods within integrated North American and global supply chains.

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PRODUCTION

Businesses that farm, harvest, process, manufacture, produce or distribute food, including beverages, crops, animal products and by-products, aquaculture, hunting and fishing.

CONSTRUCTION

Construction projects and services associated with the healthcare sector, including new facilities, expansions, renovations and conversion of spaces that could be repurposed for health care space. Construction projects and services required to ensure safe and reliable operations of critical provincial infrastructure, including transit, transportation, energy and justice sectors

beyond the day-to-day maintenance. Construction work and services, including demolition services, in the industrial, commercial, institutional and residential sectors. Construction work and services that supports health and safety environmental rehabilitation projects