

## Executive Order 2020-057 Amends EO 2020-054; Shelter-in-Place Announced for Sunday, July 26th

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On July 22, 2020, Governor Wanda Vázquez-Garced signed Executive Order 2020-057 (“EO 2020-057” or the “Executive Order”) to, among other matters, amend Executive Order No. 2020-054 and implement additional limitations to curb the spread of COVID-19 in Puerto Rico.

### **Shelter-in-Place Curfew for Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>**

EO 2020-057 orders a mandatory “Shelter-In-Place” order requiring all Puerto Rico residents to remain in their residence or place of lodging on Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

The authorized transit of vehicles and people walking in public roads is allowed for the following purposes and only within the hours permitted by the curfew:

- purchase of food items, medicine, and other basic necessities
- medical appointments or traveling to a hospital, laboratory, or any other medical service facility
- transit to the work place for essential services and all those governmental offices or businesses not ordered to be closed by this Executive Order
- return transit or movement back to the home from any authorized service
- to provide assistance, care, and transport to the elderly, minors, dependents, people with disabilities, or those in need of some kind of medical or professional assistance

Executive Order 2020-057 also orders all government and private sector operations, including private commercial businesses, to remain closed on Sunday, July 26, 2020.

### **The following businesses are exempted from the shutdown order:**

- drive-thru, carry-out, or delivery retail food services as well as wholesale food services such as supermarkets and animal feed stores

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- facilities that manufacture medications, medical articles or equipment, and their supply chain
- pharmacies
- gasoline stations and their supply chain
- senior care centers

### **Prohibition of Retail Sale of Alcohol for Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>**

The Executive Order also issues an all-day prohibition on the retail sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages for all authorized businesses and establishments during the effectiveness of the Executive Order.

### **Penalties for Failing to Comply with EO 2020-057**

Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of EO 2020-057 may face up to six months of incarceration and/or a fine of up to \$5,000.

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