



Wednesday, April 1, 2020

TO: WLCA Members

RE: Nurseries and Greenhouses As Essential Businesses

We received the following update on nurseries and greenhouses as essential businesses from Rep. Joan Ballweg:

Nurseries and greenhouses:

Our office has received conflicting responses for nurseries and greenhouses. Generally, if a nursery or greenhouse is involved in food production or agricultural production, it is considered essential.

*On the federal CISA list, there is a section under the category "Food and Agriculture" which exempts employees of companies that engage in the distribution of "seeds, pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, minerals, enrichments, and other agricultural production aids." WEDC has provided guidance to legislative offices that a business does not need WEDC approval to stay open if, after reading the state order and all references incorporated, they believe they are considered essential.*

This is not a definitive answer, but from the guidance we have received, the status for these is determined by the business operations and the interpretation by the *business based on the Governor's order.*

WLCA continues to encourage our members to exercise sound judgment in choosing the work they perform.

In addition, all essential businesses and operations should comply with DHS and CDC guidelines for businesses.

Stay Safe & Healthy!