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- Governor Walz has signed 38 executive orders (EOs) since March to address the COVID-19 cases in MN and the impacts on the economy.
- EO 20-01 signed March 13 to provide a Peacetime Emergency giving the Governor increased powers.
- EO 20-20 is the “stay-at-home” order requiring residents to stay at home as much as possible.
- EO 20-33 extended the “stay” order and closure of restaurants, bars and other entertainment businesses to May 4.

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- EOs have also created a process for “exempting” certain critical industries and have been expanded through guidance and subsequent EOs.
  - Many segments of the Chamber’s membership are exempt and connected supply chains included.
  - Many Chamber members are not exempted, including some industrial sectors, wholesalers, but most noteworthy office based businesses, retail, restaurants and entertainment venues.
- Chamber actively involved in seeking ways to bring back businesses not exempt through “smart work distancing” and other best practices to protect workers and customers.

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- Goal: To strike a balance between safeguarding health and protecting the economy
- Information for members on assistance from state and federal
- Actionable and timely policy engagement:
  - Delay of sales tax remittance
  - Delay of income tax filings
  - Delay of property tax payments
- Problem solving
  - 1:1 assistance
  - Supplier Match through Grow Minnesota! Partnership

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## Minnesota best practices to return to work

- Engagement with the governor
- “Best Practices” of member protocols to protect workers/customers
- Developing platform for “coaching” businesses
- Goal: Bring more businesses and workers safely back to work

