

Nebraska State Legislature



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Governor Pete Ricketts
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Dear Governor Ricketts

Working Nebraskans are the heartbeat of our response to the global coronavirus pandemic.

We have heard concerns from our constituents working on the front lines of the response about their own health, safety, and stability.

We urge you to take quick action to protect with well-being of Nebraska workers by:

- Immediately including grocery store workers, pharmacy workers, and food production workers in your definition of front-line emergency service providers.
- Allowing every state employee possible to work from home.
- Allowing services provided to the public, such as DMV, DHHS, and Labor services to be provided over the phone or delayed until the crisis passes and closing local offices for face-to-face interaction wherever possible to protect state employees.
- Issuing a proclamation or guidance to businesses to promote proper social distancing, work from home policies, adopting additional health and screening practices, expanding personnel and leave practices that encourage self-quarantine to contain spread.

Thank you to you and your hard working team for your service at this difficult time. We encourage you to take swift action to help other workers in Nebraska “stay home, stay healthy, and stay connected.”

Sincerely,



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