

On March 23, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, the Province of Ontario announced a closure of “at-risk workplaces”. In its announcement, the provincial government provided a list of essential workplaces which can remain open and are expected to operate in order to help fight the coronavirus.

TRALA, along with several of its members and the Associated Canadian Car Rental Operators, (ACCRO) had been working with the Provincial Government of Ontario to insure that all aspects of the renting and leasing industry were deemed essential in Ontario. After the release of their critical industries list, TRALA is pleased to see that our entire industry is in fact deemed essential. Of relevance to TRALA members are industries number 17 and 62, which deem truck renting and leasing operations as essential businesses. In the essential workplaces document service 17 *“Businesses and facilities that provide transportation services to businesses and individuals including by air, water, road, and rail including providing logistical support, distribution services, warehousing and storage, including truck stops and tow operators”*. In addition service 62 lists *“Rental and leasing services, including automobile, commercial and light industrial machinery and equipment rental”*.

Since Ontario is the first and largest province in Canada to close at-risk workplaces, it is expected that other provinces will follow suit and name the same list of essential businesses when issuing their orders.

You may view the full list of essential businesses in Ontario by [clicking here](#).

If you have any questions regarding the deeming of essential services in Ontario, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.