

# COVID-19 RESPONSE

## PHASE I RE-OPENING

Pursuant to Executive Order GA-18, issued on Monday, April 27, 2020, by Governor Greg Abbott, and effective at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, May 1, 2020, the following businesses may re-open under Phase 1 with minimum standard health protocols. Detailed guidelines from the state are available online at [gov.texas.gov/opentexas](https://gov.texas.gov/opentexas).

### ALL ESTABLISHMENTS LIMITED TO 25% OF TOTAL PERMITTED OCCUPANCY - INCLUDING EMPLOYEES

#### RETAIL STORES

- All retail stores may open

#### RESTAURANTS

- Tables are at least six feet apart
- Do not leave condiments, silverware, flatware, or glassware on unoccupied tables
- Condiments upon request and in single use (non-reusable) portions
- If a buffet is offered, restaurant employees serve food to customers
- Valet services are prohibited except for cars with placards or plates for disabled parking
- Consider having all employees wear cloth face coverings
- Consider having an employee manage and control access to restaurant, including opening doors for customers

#### MALLS

- All retail stores within the mall may open
- Food courts / children play areas / interactive displays remain closed

#### MOVIE THEATERS

- Encouraged to use remote ticketing to manage capacity limits
- Keep at least two empty seats between parties in any row, except when two members of one household sit next to one another with two empty seats on each side
- Alternate rows to be left empty

#### MUSEUMS & LIBRARIES

- Public libraries may open at the discretion of each individual city
- Maintain at least six feet of separation from other individuals that are not from same household
- Interactive displays will remain closed

#### OUTDOOR SPORTS PARTICIPANTS

- No more than four (4) participants at one time - no contact sports
- Golf Courses - sanitize golf carts between uses - one individual per golf cart (unless from same household)
- Driving range - clean and disinfect balls between use
- Minimum separation of six feet for golfers

#### CHURCH / PLACES OF WORSHIP

- Keep at least six feet of separation between parties in any rows, except when two or more members of same household sit adjacent to one another with two empty seats on each side
- Alternate rows to be left empty
- Special arrangements for "vulnerable" attendees, including designated seating area

**No changes were made to how essential business operate.** Executive Order GA-18 does not apply to "essential" businesses that have been able to operate during the Stay-at-Home order. The State of Texas has established a list of 17 essential business classifications. To see the full list, visit [tdem.texas.gov](https://tdem.texas.gov).

#### EXAMPLES OF ESSENTIAL RETAILERS

Grocery stores - Warehouse stores - Hardware stores - Big Box stores selling essential household staples - Nurseries - Liquor stores - Businesses that sell essential office supplies needed to work from home - Auto Parts and repairs stores - Bicycle repair stores - RV Repair and Sales stores

#### EXAMPLES OF PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

Public or private gatherings regardless of size - Going to a bar - Going to a gym - Going to a barber shop / hair salon - Going to a nail salon - Most nursing home visits - Going to a massage establishment - Going to a public swimming pool - Going to a bowling alley / video arcade - Going to a tattoo and/or piercing studio