

Re-Opening Texas Phase II

May 8, 2020

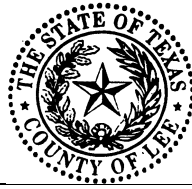
On May 5, 2020 Texas Governor Greg Abbott issued [Executive Order GA-21](#) relating to the expanded reopening of services as part of the safe, strategic plans to Open Texas in response to the COVID-19 disaster declaration, Phase II.

“Reopened services” shall consist of the following to the extent they are not already “essential services:”

1. Retail services that may be provided through pick-up, delivery by mail, or delivery to the customer’s doorstep.
2. In-store retail services, for retail establishments that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of the retail establishment.
3. Dine-in restaurant services, for restaurants that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of the restaurant; provided, however, that
 - a. this applies only to restaurants that have less than 51 percent of their gross receipts from the sale of alcoholic beverages;
 - b. the occupancy limits do not apply to customers seated in outdoor areas of the restaurant; and
 - c. valet services are prohibited except for vehicles with placards or plates for disabled parking.
4. Movie theaters that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of any individual theater for any screening.
5. Shopping malls that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of the shopping mall; provided, however, that within shopping malls, the food-court dining areas, play areas, and interactive displays and settings must remain closed.
6. Museums and libraries that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy; provided, however, that
 - a. local public museums and local public libraries may so operate only if permitted by the local government, and
 - b. any components of museums or libraries that have interactive functions or exhibits, including child play areas, must remain closed.

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7. Services provided by an individual working alone in an office, effective until 12:01 a.m. on Monday, May 18, 2020, when this single-person office provision is superseded by the expanded office-based services provision set forth below.

8. Golf course operations.

9. Local government operations, including county and municipal governmental operations relating to permitting, recordation, and document-filing services, as determined by the local government.

10. Wedding venues and the services required to conduct weddings; provided, however, that for weddings held indoors other than at a church, congregation, or house of worship, the facility may operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of the facility.

11. Wedding reception services, for facilities that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of the facility; provided, however, that the occupancy limits do not apply to the outdoor areas of a wedding reception or to outdoor wedding receptions.

12. Starting at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, May 8, 2020:

a. Cosmetology salons, hair salons, barber shops, nail salons/shops, and other establishments where licensed cosmetologists or barbers practice their trade; provided, however, that all such salons, shops, and establishments must ensure at least six feet of social distancing between operating work stations.

b. Tanning salons; provided, however, that all such salons must ensure at least six feet of social distancing between operating work stations.

c. Swimming pools; provided, however, that (i) indoor swimming pools may operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of the pool facility; (ii) outdoor swimming pools may operate at up to 25 percent of normal operating limits as determined by the pool operator; and (iii) local public swimming pools may so operate only if permitted by the local government.

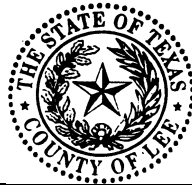
13. Starting at 12:01 a.m. on Monday, May 18, 2020:

a. Services provided by office workers in offices that operate at up to the greater of (i) five individuals, or (ii) 25 percent of the total office workforce; provided, however, that the individuals maintain appropriate social distancing.

b. Manufacturing services, for facilities that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of the facility.

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c. Gyms and exercise facilities and classes that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of the gym or exercise facility; provided, however, that locker rooms and shower facilities must remain closed, but restrooms may open.

14. For Texas counties that have filed with DSHS, and are in compliance with, the requisite attestation form promulgated by DSHS regarding five or fewer cases of COVID- 19, those in-store retail services, dine-in restaurant services, movie theaters, shopping malls, museums and libraries, indoor wedding venues, wedding reception services, swimming pools, services provided by office workers in offices of more than five individuals, manufacturing services, and gyms and exercise facilities and classes, as otherwise defined and limited above, may operate at up to 50 percent (as opposed to 25 percent).

The conditions and limitations set forth above for reopened services shall not apply to essential services.

***** The total listed occupancy limits described above refer to the maximum occupant load set by local or state law, but for purposes of this executive order, staff members are not included in determining operating levels except for non- essential manufacturing service providers and services provided by office workers. *****

In providing or obtaining essential services or reopened services, all persons (including individuals, businesses and other organizations, and any other legal entity) should use good-faith efforts and available resources to follow the minimum standard health protocols recommended by DSHS, found at www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus. All persons should also follow, to the extent not inconsistent with the DSHS minimum standards, the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, as well as other CDC recommendations.

Religious services should be conducted in accordance with the joint guidance issued and updated by the attorney general and governor.

Places To Avoid:

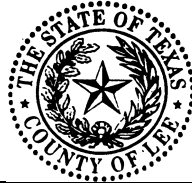
People shall avoid visiting bars, massage establishments, tattoo studios, piercing studios, sexually oriented businesses, or interactive amusement venues such as bowling alleys, video arcades, amusement parks, water parks, or splash pads, unless these enumerated establishments or venues are specifically added as a reopened service by proclamation or future executive order of the governor.

The use of drive thru, pickup, or delivery options for food and drinks remains allowed and highly encouraged throughout the limited duration of this executive order.

This executive order does not prohibit people from accessing essential or reopened services or engaging in essential daily activities, such as going to the grocery store or gas station; providing or obtaining other essential or reopened services; visiting swimming pools, parks, beaches,

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rivers, or lakes; hunting or fishing; or engaging in physical activity like jogging, bicycling, or other outdoor sports, so long as the necessary precautions are maintained to reduce the transmission of COVID- 19 and to minimize in-person contact with people who are not in the same household.

In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, people shall not visit nursing homes, state supported living centers, assisted living facilities, or long- term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance as determined through guidance from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC).

Schools

Schools shall remain temporarily closed to in-person classroom attendance by students and shall not recommence before the end of the 2019-2020 school year. Guidance for Graduation and End-Of-Year Promotion Ceremonies can be found on the Texas Education Agency https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/graduation_ceremonies_5.5.2020_vf.pdf.

These newly opened services are subject to recommended minimum standard health protocols outlined by DSHS. These protocols will be available on the [Open Texas webpage](#).

[Governor's Report to Open Texas](#)