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Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update – July 2, 2020 *New requirements announced ahead of holiday weekend*

Governor Abbott issued [Executive Order GA-29](#) today, July 2, that goes into effect at 12:01 p.m. on July 3, 2020. The Order announced requirements for face coverings and gatherings.

Face Coverings

Per the Governor's Order, every person in Texas shall wear a face covering over the nose and mouth when inside a commercial entity or other building or space open to the public, or when in an outdoor public space, whenever it is not feasible to maintain 6 feet of social distancing from another person not in the same household. There are exceptions, [click here](#) to review a full list.

Large Gatherings Prohibited

Any outdoor gathering in excess of 10 people is prohibited unless the mayor or county judge for the unincorporated areas of the county, of the location in which the gathering takes place, approves the gathering. There are exceptions for any services listed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, religious services, and childcare services. [Click here](#) to review the proclamation issued by Governor Abbott for details.

Bexar County issued [Executive Order NW-12](#) that went into effect on July 1 at 5:00 p.m. and continues through 11:59 p.m. on July 15, 2020. The order mandates the following:

Health and Safety Policy for Commercial Entities

- Commercial entities are required to implement a Health and Safety Policy for employees, customers, and visitors.
 - This policy must include the requirement to wear face coverings.
 - A list of COVID-19 symptoms must be prominently displayed at/or near the public and employee entrances to the premises.
 - The policy must be in a conspicuous location to provide notice to employees, customers, and visitors.
 - The order highly encourages that businesses implement temperature and symptom checks, but this is not required.

Household and Social Gatherings

Social gatherings, including family gatherings, shall not include more than 10 people.

Restaurants and Bars

- Restaurants may operate up to 50% total occupancy for dine-services. Curbside, drive-thru, and takeout are permitted.
- Bars are closed, however, curbside, drive-thru, and takeout are permitted for food and drinks.

Cases of COVID-19 Increasing

Positive cases of COVID-19 are surging across our area. On June 30, Bexar County announced over 1,260 positive cases in one day, which set a daily record for positive case counts. The Helotes Office of Emergency Management is reporting 11 total positive cases of COVID-19 in Helotes, including 1 death.

It is important for residents to stay informed and continue to practice safety measures to protect themselves and their families. Wear a mask when in public, maintain 6 feet social distancing from those not in your household, avoid large public gatherings, and continue to use good hygiene.

Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19, including fever, cough, or shortness of breath are encouraged to get tested. Visit the [COVID-19 San Antonio website](#) for more information and to find testing locations in Bexar County.