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Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update – May 8, 2020

Texas Governor announces the opening of salons and gyms

Governor Abbott has announced a new executive order that expands the types of businesses that may begin operations according to the state's Reopen Texas plan. The order reminds all Texans that it is still recommended to remain at home when not conducting essential business and mass public gatherings are prohibited. This is especially appropriate for individuals over the age of 65 and other vulnerable populations. The use of cloth face coverings while in public and where social distancing cannot be maintained remains highly encouraged.

Starting today, May 8, cosmetology salons, hair and nail salons, barber shops, tanning salons, and other establishments where licensed cosmetologists or barbers practice will be permitted to open. However, all such establishments must ensure six feet social distancing between workstations and the facility may only operate at 25% of the total occupancy limit. If social distancing cannot be maintained in reception areas, then customers will need to wait outside. Swimming pools may also resume operations while complying with the 25% occupancy limit.

Beginning Monday, May 18, gyms and exercise facilities may operate up to the established 25% occupancy limit. Locker rooms and showers must remain closed during this initial phase, but restrooms may open. Good hygiene practices are outlined in the Governor's announcement, which include frequent washing of high-touch services.

For more information and guidelines for business operations [click here](#). Review the full executive order by [clicking here](#).