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Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update – April 29, 2020

Governor outlines plan to Reopen Texas with Phase 1 starting May 1

Governor Greg Abbott has announced his plan to [Reopen Texas](#). The plan is a phased approach to getting the State's economy operational while continuing to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic. The Governor urged all Texans to continue practicing safe social distancing measures, following good hygiene practices, and recommended the use of cloth face coverings while in public and when social distancing is not feasible. The *Stay Home, Work Safe* order remains in effect, but has been expanded with additional businesses able to reopen. Phase 1 begins this Friday, May 1 and will continue through at least May 18, 2020.

The following activities and businesses **are permitted** to operate during Phase 1, effective May 1:

- Essential businesses remain open, such as grocery stores, gas stations, and essential infrastructure operations.
- All retail stores, restaurants, movie theaters, and malls will be permitted to operate with a limit of 25% of their total occupancy limit. Food courts, dining or play areas, and interactive displays within shopping malls must remain closed.
- All museums and libraries may open under the 25% occupancy limit.
- Churches and places of worship may remain open. [Click here](#) to see guidance for places of worship.
- Outdoor sports (such as golf or tennis) may resume, if there are no more than four participants playing together. Contact sports, such as basketball, remain prohibited.

[Click here](#) to review the recommended minimum health standard protocols for each business or activity listed above.

The following businesses **are not permitted** to operate during Phase 1:

- Public swimming pools
- Bars
- Gyms
- Cosmetology salon or barber shops
- Massage establishments and tattoo or piercing services
- Interactive amusement venues, such as bowling alleys and video arcades
- Nursing homes and other senior care facilities remain closed to visitors
- Mass gatherings where social distancing cannot be maintained are prohibited

This new executive order lifts the 14-day quarantine period for individuals traveling from Louisiana. The 14-day quarantine for travelers from the following areas remain in place: California; Connecticut; New York; New Jersey; Washington; Atlanta, Georgia; Chicago, Illinois; Detroit, Michigan; and Miami, Florida.

The success of the Reopen Texas plan relies on the compliance of all Texans. We must work together to stop the spread of COVID-19.