



## City of Helotes

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### **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update - May 20, 2020** *Governor announces phase II of the plan to Open Texas*

Governor Abbott has announced phase two of the state's Open Texas Plan that began Monday, May 18. During this phase, more types of businesses are permitted to reopen. Each business that reopens should follow the state's instructions for minimizing the spread of germs, including COVID-19. Learn more about the Governor's plan by visiting [www.gov.texas.gov](http://www.gov.texas.gov).

- Effective Monday, May 18 —All personal service businesses (such as massage services or beauty care) may reopen with restrictions. Childcare and youth clubs may resume operations. Office buildings can open based upon the greater of 10 individuals or 25% occupancy.
- Effective Friday, May 22 - Restaurants may expand to 50% occupancy and bars can open to 25% capacity, along with utilizing outdoor areas. Businesses such as bowling alleys and bingo halls can open to 25% occupancy. Rodeos and equestrian events may operate at 25% capacity, although, this does not allow for county fairs or large social gatherings.
- Effective Friday, May 29 - Outdoor areas of zoos may operate up to 25% capacity. All indoor areas of the zoo, except for restrooms, are to remain closed.
- Effective Sunday, May 31—Youth sports, summer camps, summer schools, and professional sports can open with certain safety protocols.
- Effective June 1 - Public/Private Schools Districts and higher education can open for summer school, special education, specialized assessments, and tutoring services with certain safety protocols.

To review the protocols and requirements for a specific business type, visit the [Open Texas website](#).

City leaders remind all Helotians to continue taking precautions to stop the spread of COVID-19. We must continue to be mindful of social distancing when in public. In addition, good hygiene practices will help stop the spread of the virus. Vulnerable populations, including individuals over the age of 65, are encouraged to avoid crowds, except for conducting essential business. Furthermore, the use of cloth face coverings while in public and where social distancing cannot be maintained remains highly encouraged for all Texans. By utilizing these safety measures, we can all do our part to stop the spread of COVID-19 in our community.