

**Clarifications to last week's Executive Order: Funerals, burials, memorials and weddings**

- They are all treated the same as church services that will have limited seating arrangements.
- Strongly encourage at-risk populations to try and watch or participate remotely.
- For the vulnerable populations, providers are recommended to designate an area for them
- Alternate rows in a church setting and have an area of 6 feet spacing between people.
- Limit seating to household gatherings alone.
- At wedding receptions, the same type of practices should be used in receptions that are used in restaurants: 25% occupancy, no tables of more than six people and 6-feet separation between tables

**Being outdoors:** For park-like places like beaches, rivers, and lakes, people are asked to maintain six-feet separation if possible and groups of no more than five people.

**Retail services** that may be provided through pick-up, delivery by mail, or delivery to the customer's doorstep. In-store retail services, for retail establishments that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of the retail establishment.

**Dine-in restaurant services**, for restaurants that operate at up to 25 percent for restaurants 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.

**Museums and libraries** that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy; provided, that

- a. local public museums and local public libraries may so operate only if permitted by the local government;
- b. any components of museums or libraries that have interactive functions or exhibits, including child play areas, must remain closed.

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

**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 workstations. Some of the rules to reopen:

- One customer per stylist unless they are waiting for service
- Six-feet of distancing between work stations
- Appointment system encouraged
- If allowing walk-ins, distancing required for people waiting for service
- Strongly recommends customers and stylists are wearing masks

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

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.

**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.

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. Some of the rules are:

- Gyms must operate at 25% capacity
- Showers and locker rooms must remain closed during the first phase
- All equipment must be disinfected
- Customers must wear gloves that cover their whole hands and fingers
- Must maintain 6-feet social distancing inside the gym
- If they bring a yoga mat or other equipment from home, it must be disinfected before use

*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.*

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](http://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.

Individuals are encouraged to wear appropriate face coverings, but no jurisdiction can impose a civil or criminal penalty for failure to wear a face covering. Nothing in this executive order or the DSHS minimum standards precludes requiring a customer wishing to obtain services to follow additional hygiene measures.