

# GOVERNOR'S REPORT TO OPEN TEXAS

**On April 27, 2020**, Governor Greg Abbott issued Executive Order GA-18 and The Governor's Report to Open Texas. The City of New Braunfels is reviewing these documents and creating a plan that follows his directives but addresses issues that may be unique to our community. The City will work quickly to build a plan that reopens our community with a safe and informed approach. Here are highlights from the Governor's report that are essential for New Braunfelsers to know.

## DO

- Minimize social gatherings and in-person contact with people who are not in the same household, except where necessary to provide or obtain essential or reopened services.
- Stay home as much as possible if you are over the age of 65 or have medical issues and limit contact with household members who have been out of the residence.
- Follow minimum standard health protocols recommended by DSHS, found at: [www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus).
- Continue social distancing, work from home if possible, and practice good hygiene, environmental cleanliness, and sanitation.
- Consider wearing appropriate face coverings. This is not required but is encouraged.
- Avoid visiting nursing homes, state supported living centers, assisted living facilities, or long-term care facilities.
- Check the CDC website for more information resources for businesses at: [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov](http://cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov)

## REOPENING MAY 1

### WITH STRICT GUIDELINES

Conditions and limitations do not apply to essential services. See next page for guidelines.

- Retail services
- Dine-in restaurants
- Movie theaters
- Shopping malls
- Museums and libraries
- Single-person offices
- Outdoor sports for four people or less – golf operations

## NOT REOPENING

- Bars
- Gyms
- Public swimming pools
- Interactive amusement venues such as bowling alleys and video arcades
- Massage establishments
- Tattoo and piercing studios
- Cosmetology salons

# BUSINESS REOPENING GUIDELINES

## FOR ALL EMPLOYERS



- Train all employees on appropriate cleaning, hand hygiene, and respiratory etiquette.
- Screen employees before coming into the business.
- Do not allow employees with new or worsening symptoms to return to work.
- Have employees wash or sanitize their hands upon entering the business.
- Have employees maintain at least 6 feet separation from other individuals. If such distancing is not feasible, other measures such as face covering, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, cleanliness, and sanitation should be rigorously practiced.
- Regularly and frequently clean and disinfect regularly touched surfaces.
- Disinfect any items that come into contact with customers.
- Make hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, soap and water readily available to employees and customers.
- Place readily visible signage to remind everyone of best hygiene practices.
- Contactless payment is encouraged.



## RETAIL SERVICES & SHOPPING MALLS

- May operate at 25% of total listed occupancy. This includes employees.
- Play areas and interactive displays and setting must remain closed.
- Consider dedicating a certain period of time each day for only at-risk customers.

## RESTAURANTS

ONLY APPLIES TO RESTAURANTS THAT ARE NOT REQUIRED TO POST THE 51% TABC SIGN



- May operate at 25% of total listed occupancy. This includes employees.
- Parties remain 6 feet apart at all times.
- Make a hand sanitizing station available upon entry.
- No tables of more than 6 people.
- Use disposable menus (new for each patron)
- Do not leave condiments, silverware, glassware, etc. on an unoccupied table.
- Provide condiments only upon request and in single use portions.
- If buffet is ordered, restaurant employees serve the food to customers.



## MUSEUMS AND LIBRARIES

- May operate at 25% of total listed occupancy. This includes employees.
- Must close any components that have interactive functions or exhibits, including child play areas.

# BUSINESS REOPENING GUIDELINES

## MOVIE THEATERS



- May operate at 25% of total listed occupancy. This includes employees.
- Keep at least two empty seats (or 6 feet separation) between parties in any row except two or more members of the same household or two individuals who are not members of the same household but are attending together can sit adjacent to one another with two seats (or 6 feet of separation) empty on either side.
- Alternate rows between customers (every other row left empty).
- Disinfect seats and frequently touched areas between screenings.
- Movie theaters that provide food should follow guidelines similar to restaurants and provide take home pencils and notepads if they allow the customers to write down their own order.

## CHURCHES/PLACES OF WORSHIP



- At-risk population is strongly encouraged to watch or participate remotely.
- Designate an area reserved for the at-risk population or offer a service for at-risk attendees only.
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- Alternate rows between attendees (every other row left empty).
- Applies to funeral services, burials and memorials.

## OUTDOOR SPORTS PARTICIPANTS



- Individuals may engage in outdoor sports if the sport does not include contact with other participants and no more than four participants play the sport at any time.
- Golf course operations may resume

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

New Braunfels COVID-19 information – [NBTexas.org/COVID-19](https://nbtexas.org/covid-19)

New Braunfels COVID-19 hotline – (830) 221-4222

Governor's Coronavirus Resources & Response – [gov.texas.gov/coronavirus](https://gov.texas.gov/coronavirus)

Texas Department of State Health Services – [www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus](https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus)

*This review of the Governor's Executive Order GA-18 and the Governor's Report to Open Texas issued on April 27, 2020 is for informational purposes only. For more information, detailed protocols, and further explanation, refer to the Governor's website at [gov.texas.gov](https://gov.texas.gov) to review the documents in their entirety.*