

# HIGHLIGHTS – GA-23

## GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER & REPORT TO OPEN TEXAS

May 21, 2020



Individuals should avoid being in a group larger than 10 individuals. Within these groups, individuals should, to the extent possible, minimize in-person contact with others not in the individual's household.

Minimizing in-person contact includes maintaining 6 feet of separation from individuals. When maintaining 6 feet of separation is not feasible, other methods should be utilized such as wearing a face covering or mask, washing or sanitizing hands frequently, and avoiding sharing utensils or other common objects.

Total listed occupancy limits refer to the maximum occupant load set by local or state law, but for purposes of this executive order, staff members and contractors are not included. The total listed occupancy limits do not apply to outdoor areas, events, facilities, or establishments.

In providing or obtaining *Covered Services*<sup>\*</sup>, 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).

**VISIT [GOV.TEXAS.GOV/OPENTEXAS](http://GOV.TEXAS.GOV/OPENTEXAS) FOR MORE INFORMATION AND DETAILED CHECKLISTS.**

## OPENED MAY 18

• **GYMS AND EXERCISE FACILITIES** may operate at 25% of total listed occupancy of the facility, locker rooms and shower facilities must remain closed but restrooms may open, and workout equipment will be spaced 6 feet apart.

• **MANUFACTURERS** may operate at 25% occupancy and should stagger schedules for employees to minimize contact.

• **OFFICES** may operate with up to the greater of 10 individuals or 25% of the total office workforce, should consider implementing staggered workforce, and should continue to encourage individuals to work remotely if possible.

• **CHILD CARE CENTERS** should operate in accordance with the guidance from the CDC, implement social distancing strategies, intensify cleaning efforts, modify drop-offs and pick-ups, implement screening procedures upon arrival, limit access to the center, and adhere to modified class size and ratio requirements.

• **MASSAGE AND OTHER PERSONAL- CARE & BEAUTY SERVICES** may operate provided they can ensure 6 feet of social distancing between operating workstations, limit the amount of people inside, consider screening clients before they receive services, and face coverings should be worn by employees, contractors, and clients. Wearing a mask is of utmost importance because of the close proximity between individuals in these settings.

Such businesses include but are not limited to massage establishments, other massage services by licensed massage therapists or other licensed persons, electrolysis, waxing, tattoo studios, piercing studios, and hair loss treatment and growth services.

• **YOUTH CLUBS** such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, FFA, and Girls Inc., may hold meetings. Meetings held indoors should not exceed more than 10 individuals at any time.

<sup>\*</sup>COVERED SERVICES IS A NEW TERM THAT LOOSELY REPLACES "ESSENTIAL AND RE-OPENED SERVICES"

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## OPENING MAY 22

- **DINE-IN RESTAURANTS** may increase to 50% occupancy

- **BARS** may operate for in-person service up to 25% of the total occupancy, no loitering at or ordering from the bar, serve only seated individuals, no tables of more than 6, physically block of the bar, and parties should maintain at least 6 feet of distance from other parties.

- **BOWLING ALLEYS, BINGO HALLS, SIMULCASTING, SKATING RINKS** may operate up to 25% of total occupancy, provide 6 feet of social distancing between bowling lanes, customers playing bingo, and simulcasting patrons, and any components that have interactive functions or exhibits must stay closed.

- **RODEO/EQUESTRIAN EVENTS** may resume with spectators up to 25% of the total occupancy and proper spacing between patrons in the venue. Larger gatherings that include a rodeo or equestrian event, such as a county fair, are not authorized at this time.

- **ZOOS, AQUARIUMS & NATURAL CAVERNS** and similar facilities may operate up to 25% of total occupancy, indoor areas of zoos must remain closed except for restrooms, and barricade off frequently touched items. Zoos may open May 29.

## MAY 31

- **DAY YOUTH CAMP OPERATORS** should separate campers and staff into groups or cohorts, not allow visitors, modify drop-offs and pick-ups, limit excursions, and ensure access to on-site medical personnel or an on-call physician.

- **OVERNIGHT YOUTH CAMP OPERATORS** should separate campers and staff into groups or cohorts, not allow visitors, modify drop-offs and pick-ups, limit excursions, ensure access to on-site medical personnel or an on-call physician, and screen staff and campers daily.

- **PROFESSIONAL SPORTS WITHOUT IN-PERSON SPECTATORS** including basketball, baseball, car racing, football, golf, softball, and tennis, may apply to hold events in Texas but spectators cannot be physically present on the premises.

- **YOUTH SPORTS OPERATORS** may begin practices on May 31 and games on June 15. Spectators should maintain 6 feet social distancing, outside of the sporting event discourage mixing between teams, and group excursions are strongly discouraged.

**INTERACTIVE AMUSEMENT VENUES, SUCH AS VIDEO ARCADES, AMUSEMENT PARKS, OR WATER PARKS, REMAIN CLOSED.**