

EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

City of Dallas

FAQS

I. SAFER AT HOME.

- Individuals may leave their residence when necessary to provide, obtain, or access Essential Services, Reopened Services, or to conduct Essential Activities.
- To the extent individuals are using shared or outdoor spaces, they must at all times as reasonably as possible, maintain social distancing of at least six feet from any other person when they are outside their residence.
- All public or private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a single household or living unit are prohibited. Nothing in the Sixth Amended Emergency Regulations (“Emergency Regulations”) prohibit the gathering of members of a household or living unit.

II. ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES.

Individuals may leave their residence when necessary for Essential Activities, including:

- To engage in activities or perform tasks essential to their health and safety, or to the health and safety of their family or household members (for example, obtaining medical supplies or medication, visiting a health care professional, or obtaining supplies need to work from home).
- To obtain necessary services or supplies for themselves and their family or household members, or to deliver those services or supplies to others (for example, food, pet supply, and any other household consumer products, and products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences.
- To visit swimming pools, parks, beaches, rivers, or lakes.
- To engage in outdoor activity, provided the individuals comply with social distancing requirements of six feet (for example, walking, biking, hiking, running, golfing, and tennis).
- To perform work providing essential products and services at an Essential Service or to otherwise carry out activities specifically permitted in the Emergency Regulations.
- To care for a family member or pet in another household.
- To move to another residence either in or outside the City of Dallas.
- To engage in Essential Travel. Essential Travel includes travel to provide, obtain, or access Essential Services, Reopened Services, or to conduct Essential Activities.

III. REOPENED SERVICES.

Individuals may leave their residence when necessary to provide or obtain Reopened Services, including:

- Retail services that may be provided through pickup, 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 of the total listed occupancy of the restaurant; provided, however, that
 - this applies only to restaurants that have less than 51 percent of their gross receipts from the sale of alcoholic beverages
 - the occupancy limits do not apply to customers seated in outdoor areas of the restaurant, and
 - valet services are prohibited except for vehicles with placards or plates for disabled parking.
- Movie theaters that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of any individual theater for any screening.
- Shopping malls that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of the shopping mall; provided, however, that within shopping malls, the food court dining areas, play areas, and interactive displays and settings must remain closed.
- Museums and libraries that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy; provided, however, that
 - local public museums and local public libraries may so operate only if permitted by the local government, and
 - any components of museums or libraries that have interactive functions or exhibits, including child play areas, must remain closed.
- Services provided by an individual working alone in an office, effective until 12:01 a.m. on Monday, May 18, 2020, when this single-person office provision is superseded by the expanded office-based services provision set forth below.
- Golf course operations.
- Wedding venues and the services required to conduct weddings; provided, however, that for weddings held indoors other than at a church, congregation, or house of worship, the facility may operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of the facility.
- Wedding reception services, for facilities that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of the facility; provided, however, that the occupancy limits do not apply to the outdoor areas of a wedding reception or to outdoor wedding receptions.
- Cosmetology salons, hair salons, barber shops, nail salons/shops, and other establishments where licensed cosmetologists or barbers practice their trade; provided, however, that all salons, shops, and establishments must ensure at least six feet of social distancing between operating workstations.
- Tanning salons; provided, however, that all salons must ensure at least six feet of social distancing between operating workstations.

- Swimming pools; provided, however, that:
 - indoor swimming pools may operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of the pool facility;
 - outdoor swimming pools may operate at up to 25 percent of normal operating limits as determined by the pool operator; and
 - local public swimming pools may operate only if permitted by the local government.
- Starting at 12:01 a.m. on Monday, May 18, 2020:
 - 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.
 - Manufacturing services, for facilities that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of the facility.
 - 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.
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- **Except for office workers and workers at non-essential manufacturing service providers, 25 percent total listed occupancy limit does not include employees of Reopened Services.**

IV. ESSENTIAL SERVICES.

Individuals may leave their residence when necessary to provide or obtain Essential Services,

Essential services consist of everything listed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in its Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce, Version 3.0. Below are the categories of essential services. For the full comprehensive list, visit: https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Version_3.0_CISA_Guidance_on_Essential_Critical_Infrastructure_Workers_2.pdf

- Healthcare/Public Health
- Law Enforcement, Public Safety, and Other First Responders
- Food and Agriculture
- Energy
 - Electricity Industry
 - Petroleum Industry
 - Natural Gas, Natural Gas Liquids (NGL), Propane, and Other Liquid Fuels
- Water and Wastewater
- Transportation and Logistics
- Public Works and Infrastructure Support Services
- Communications and Information Technology
 - Communications
 - Information Technology
- Other Community- or Government-Based Operations and Essential Functions

- Critical Manufacturing
- Hazardous Materials
- Financial Services
- Chemical
- Defense Industrial Base
- Commercial Facilities
- Residential/Shelter Facilities and Services
- Hygiene Products and Services
- Religious Services

V. NON-ESSENTIAL AND NON-REOPENED SERVICES.

- Businesses that are not Essential Services or Reopened Services may continue operations by telecommuting.
- The following is a non-exclusive list of businesses that are not Essential Services or Reopened Services:
 - Commercial amusement/interactive amusement venues such as bowling alleys video arcades, amusement parks, water parks, and splash pads.
 - Bars.
 - Tattoo and piercing studios.
 - Massage establishments.
 - Sexually oriented businesses.

VI. MINIMUM STANDARD HEALTH PROTOCOLS.

Individuals, employers, employees, and customers in the City of Dallas must comply with the following applicable Minimum Standard Health Protocols, to the greatest extent possible:

- Open Texas Checklists – Revised May 5, 2020 (Exhibit B-1).
 - Minimum Standard Health Protocols for All Individuals.
 - Minimum Standard Health Protocols for All Employers.
 - Minimum Standard Health Protocols for Churches and Places of Worship.
 - Minimum Standard Health Protocols for Church/Worship Attendees.
 - Minimum Standard Health Protocols for Movie Theaters.
 - Minimum Standard Health Protocols for Movie Theater Customers.
 - Minimum Standard Health Protocols for Museums and Libraries.
 - Minimum Standard Health Protocols for Museum and Library Visitors.
 - Minimum Standard Health Protocols for Outdoor Sports Participants.
 - Minimum Standard Health Protocols for Parks/Beaches/Bodies of Water.
 - Minimum Standard Health Protocols for Restaurants.
 - Minimum Standard Health Protocols for Restaurant Customers.
 - Minimum Standard Health Protocols for Retailers.
 - Minimum Standard Health Protocols for Retail Customers.
 - Minimum Standard Health Protocols for Single-Person Offices.
 - Minimum Standard Health Protocols for Wedding Reception Venues.

- Minimum Standard Health Protocols for Wedding Reception Attendees.
- Minimum Standard Health Protocols for Wedding Venues.
- Minimum Standard Health Protocols for Wedding Attendees.
- Open Texas Checklists – Revised May 8, 2020 (Exhibit B-2).
 - Minimum Standard Health Protocols for Barber Shops.
 - Minimum Standard Health Protocols for Barber Shop Customers.
 - Minimum Standard Health Protocols for Cosmetology Salons/Hair Salons.
 - Minimum Standard Health Protocols for Cosmetology/Hair Salon Customers.
 - Minimum Standard Health Protocols for Nail Salons/Shops.
 - Minimum Standard Health Protocols for Nail Salon Customers.
 - Minimum Standard Health Protocols for Tanning Salons.
 - Minimum Standard Health Protocols for Tanning Salon Customers.
- Open Texas Checklists – Revised May 18, 2020 (Exhibit B-3).
 - Minimum Standard Health Protocols for Gyms/Exercise Facilities.
 - Minimum Standard Health Protocols for Gym/Exercise Facility Patrons.
 - Minimum Standard Health Protocols for Manufacturers.
 - Minimum Standard Health Protocols for Office-Based Employers.
 - Minimum Standard Health Protocols for All Office-Based Employees.

VII. EXHIBITS.

- Exhibit A: Amended Order of County Judge Clay Jenkins Regarding Long-Term Care Facilities (Date Issued: April 23, 2020)
- Exhibits B-1, B-2, and B-3: Minimum Standard Health Protocols.
 - Open Texas Checklists – Effective May 5, 2020 (Exhibit B-1).
 - Open Texas Checklists – Effective May 8, 2020 (Exhibit B-2).
 - Open Texas Checklists – Effective May 18, 2020 (Exhibit B-3).
- Exhibit C: Boards and Commissions Classification and Identification

VIII. ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS.

- All employees, including employees of Essential Services and Reopened Services, are instructed to remain home if sick.
- All persons over the age of two must, to the greatest extent possible, wear some form of covering over their nose and mouth, such as a homemade mask, scarf, bandana or handkerchief, when providing or obtaining Essential Services or Reopened Services. No civil or criminal penalty will be imposed by the City for failure to wear a mask.
- Essential Services and Reopened Services are not required under the City’s Emergency Regulations to keep their employees below a specified maximum number, but must, to the greatest extent possible, comply with the Minimum Health Protocols in Exhibits B-1 through B-3, as applicable.

- All delivery hour restrictions for transport to or from any entity involved in the selling or distribution of food products, medicine, or medical supplies are suspended in the City of Dallas.
- All sales of bath or toilet tissue are limited to the greater of: (a) 12 rolls per purchase; or (b) one package per purchase. This provision does not apply to the sale of bath or tissue paper to a government organization, Essential Service, or Reopened Service.
- Nursing homes, retirement, and long-term care facilities are prohibited from allowing non-essential visitors to access their facilities unless to provide critical assistance or for end-of-life visitation.
- Individuals are not required to carry documentation as proof that they are employed by an Essential Service.
- Employers may not implement any rules making a negative COVID-19 test or a note from a healthcare provider a requirement before a COVID-19 recovered employee can return to work.

IX. OTHER IMPORTANT FACTS.

Executive Order GA-19 (“Order GA-19”), relating to hospital capacity during the COVID-19 disaster:

(1) All licensed health care professionals shall be limited in their practice by, and must comply with, any emergency rules promulgated by their respective licensing agencies dictating minimum standards for safe practice during the COVID- 19 disaster.

(2) Every hospital licensed under Chapter 241 of the Texas Health and Safety Code shall reserve at least 15 percent of its hospital capacity for treatment of COVID-19 patients, accounting for the range of clinical severity of COVID-19 patients, as determined by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

For purposes of determining a person’s right to possession of and access to a child under a court-ordered possession schedule, the existing trial court order shall control in all instances. Possession of and access to a child shall not be affected by any shelter-in place order or other order restricting movement issued by a governmental entity that arises from the COVID-19 pandemic (pursuant to Supreme Court of Texas order dated March 24, 2020).

Failure to comply with Emergency Regulations or any executive order will not result in confinement in jail. No jurisdiction can confine a person in jail as a penalty for violating any executive order or local order.

For further inquiries or to report possible violations in the City of Dallas please call **3-1-1**.

For other city information related to the COVID-19: <https://dallascityhall.com/Pages/Corona-Virus.aspx>

For more information from the County, please visit: <https://www.dallascounty.org/government/comcrt/jenkins/covid-19.php>

The list of essential services, as specified in Governor Abbott's Executive Order, **GA-21**, may be expanded with the approval of the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM). TDEM maintains an online list of essential services and any approved additions. Requests for additions should be directed to TDEM at EssentialServices@tdem.texas.gov or by visiting www.tdem.texas.gov/essentialservices.

For further reference, see The U.S. Department of Homeland Security in its Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce, Version 3.0, or any subsequent version: <https://www.cisa.gov/publication/guidance-essential-critical-infrastructure-workforce>

For more information on religious and worship services, see the Texas Attorney General's Guidance for Houses of Worship During the COVID-19 Crisis that can be found at www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/sites/default/files/images/admin/2020/Press/AG%20Guidance%20for%20Houses%20of%20Worship%20During%20the%20COVID-19%20Crisis.pdf.

For further inquiries or to report possible violations of the County's Long-Term Care Facility Order, please call **2-1-1**.

Physicians may call the DCHHS 24/7 answering service at **1-877-605-2660** for consultation.