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Governor Abbott's Executive Orders - GA 15, GA 16, GA 17

Governor Greg Abbott signed three new executive orders on Friday, April 17. The orders do the following:

1. Establish a task force related to re-opening the economy;
2. Loosen restrictions on hospitals.
3. Re-open State Park operations as long as park attendees wear facial coverings and maintain the recommended six feet of social distancing.
4. The first step in allowing business (other than essential business) to re-open on a "retail to go" basis (this order is supplemented by the attached "re-opened retail guidance" document also attached.)

To view Texas Governor's Orders April 17:

<https://gov.texas.gov/news/category/proclamation>

Residents should continue to follow Hidalgo County Judge's Order

Residents must keep in mind, even-though federal and state officials are currently developing plans for a reopening process, local orders mandated by Hidalgo County Judge Richard Cortez are still in full effect.

The current order mandates that all residents stay at home unless out for essential services such as traveling for work, childcare, grocery stores, banks, outdoor exercise or doctor's visits. Additionally, the Judge's order requires every resident to wear a nose and mouth covering when out in public, if social distancing cannot be maintained, or in a building accessible to the public. Hidalgo County officials have determined that extraordinary measures are necessary to mitigate the effects of the Novel COVID-19 and slow the spread. For those engaging in outdoor activity, social distancing of 6 feet or more must be practiced.

To view the Hidalgo County Judge's Order:

<https://www.hidalgocounty.us/DocumentCenter/View/36983/04072020-Amended-Emergency-Order-20-003>