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Governor's Strike Force Opens Texas Phase 2

Governor Greg Abbott announced Phase 2 of the reopening of the Texas economy. For more information about the reopening: <https://gov.texas.gov/organization/opentexas>

The Governor recommends Texans maintain self-distancing, wear a mask, and wash their hands. These recommendations will assist in helping the vulnerable populations, which are Senior Citizens 65+ and other populations who are more susceptible to COVID-19.

At a press conference, Governor Abbott stated he is allowing businesses to open for Phase 2 because Texas has the surge response and testing in place. Businesses in office buildings can open with up to 10 employees or 25% of the workforce, as long as they can maintain social distancing.

Governor Abbott announced effective today, May 18, 2020 Child Care Centers, Youth Clubs, Youth Sports, Massage businesses and Beauty Services such as electrolysis, waxing, tattoo studios, piercing studios, and hair loss treatment and growth services may open with certain minimum standard health protocols, such as scheduling appointments with your clients or have walk-ins waiting in their car unless the lobby allows for social distancing. Businesses should provide training to employees and face coverings should be worn by staff while working with clients. Customers should have a place to wash their hands.

Effective May 22, 2020, Governor Abbott is allowing Restaurants to increase capacity to 50% and Bars to open with a 25% capacity indoors. Governor Abbott is also allowing Bowling Alleys, Bingo Halls, Skating Rinks, Rodeo/Equestrian Events, Zoos, Aquariums, and Natural Caverns to open. Bars must not allow loitering in the common areas. Patrons should remain seated at their tables and service should be provided only to those patrons seated at their tables. All parties should maintain 6-feet of distancing at all times, activities that enable close human contact including but not limited to dancing, are discouraged.

Effective May 31, 2020, Governor Abbot is opening Day Youth Camps, Overnight Youth Camps, and Professional Sports without In-Person Spectators.

Effective June 1, 2020, Summer school can start with guidance from the Texas Education Agency.