



Health Resources: Coronavirus (COVID-19)

April 30, 2020

COVID-19 / Government Response

PLAN TO OPEN TEXAS

Governor Issues Executive Order to “Open Texas” Effective May 1, 2020

The Governor Greg Abbott’s *Executive Orders* for Stay Home/Business Closures end on April 30 and are replaced by the Governor’s *Executive Order to Open Texas*.

April 17, 2020 The Governor issued *Executive Orders* to:
 *Establish the Governor’s Strike Force to Open Texas. The *Strike Force Medical Advisory Board* and Special Advisory Counsel of Business Leaders will guide reopening strategies. *Reopen retail business by allowing “Retail-To-Go” curbside pickup on April 20. *Remove some restrictions on elective surgeries while ensuring hospital capacity for COVID-19 patients and sufficient PPE supplies on April 24.

New April 27, 2020 Governor Issued Executive Orders to “Open Texas” in Phase I, Effective May 1-15, 2020:
 ***Ex Order GA-18:** Expands Reopening of business services / Specifies services are not opened
 •Essential Services remain in place (healthcare/grocery/gas stations/government services)
 •“Reopened Services” include retail services (pickup, delivered by mail or delivery to doorstep) and “in-store retail services”.
 • In-store retail services can have only 25% of their legal capacity of patrons at one time. These services include: retail stores, restaurants (not bars), movie theaters, libraries, shopping malls (no food courts, play areas)

US/Texas/County Executive Orders/Stats...

Stay Home Orders/Statistics

US: *President’s Coronavirus Guidelines for American* end April 30. The President stated on April 29 that the Guidelines date will not be extended because the Governors set rules in each state.
Texas: Executive Orders for Stay Home/Closures end April 30.
Dallas County: Executive Orders extend to May 15.
Collin, Denton, Tarrant Executive Orders end April 30. The Governor’s Orders supersede county/city orders.
Sources: Government Web Sites

COVID-19 Cases Top 1 million...

Updated: 4/30/20

| | Cases | Deaths |
|----------|------------|--------|
| U.S.: | 1,031, 659 | 60,057 |
| Texas: | 28,087 | 782 |
| Collin: | 710 | 19 |
| Dallas: | 3,352 | 99 |
| Denton: | 748 | 20 |
| Tarrant: | 2,149 | 58 |

Source: CDC/TXDHHS

IRS: “Economic Impact Payments” for Social Security Recipients

The Treasury Department is due to send out “Payments” to Social Security recipients late April into May. The payments will be automatic and no action is necessary to receive the money. SSI recipients with dependent children should go to [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov) to provide information to obtain the \$500 per child **now** and should not wait for their “Payment”.

Source: [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov)

Take The Time...

It has been some 6 weeks since many of us started to “Stay At Home”. We could be here awhile. So, let’s make it a daily practice to call our friends, family and folks living alone. Remember to care for yourself and reach out to others. Thank you for caring for and supporting yourself and our community!

Coalition for Aging LGBT Social Engagement

Committee of Tarrant

County: Website: cfa.lgbt

Facebook: Coalition for Aging LGBT (Tarrant County) / Coalition for Aging LGBT Texas

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- Other: Offices with one employee working, golf courses, county/municipal government offices.
- Not Open: bars, gyms, public swimming pools, massage/cosmetology salons, tattoo studios, amusement venues.
- Public Schools: Schools are not open for students for the 2019-2020 school year. Administration/Teachers may enter schools.
- Health Facilities: Visitors not permitted in nursing homes, state supported living centers, assisted living facilities, or long-term care facilities.
- ***Ex Order GA-19**: Establishes that every hospital licensed in TX shall reserve at least 15 percent of its hospital capacity for treatment of COVID-19 patients.
- ***Ex Order GA-20**: On March 24, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order to impose a 14-day quarantine for air travelers and those driving to Texas from Louisiana and the City of New Orleans. As of May 1 2020, the travel and quarantine orders are cancelled. Air travel from other specific states to Texas remain in effect. The Governor’s *Executive Orders* supersede all county/city *Executive Orders* and *Ordinances* in Texas.

The Bottom Line... Protect Yourself

The Executive Orders to “Open Texas” do not meet “criteria” for states per the *President’s Guidelines*:

Opening Up America Again. There should be a downward trend in COVID-19 cases before “Open Texas” goes into effect. Texas has no downward trend in cases for 14 days, no flattening of the curve, no per capita increase in testing (Texas is 48th in US testing), and does not meet PPE requirements and testing for healthcare workers. The US has no testing program, drug treatment or vaccine. Texas guidelines and recommendations do not protect us! So...

**Protect Yourself - Stay Home - Social Distance
Wash Your Hands - Wear Face Mask**