

Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA-26

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Expanded Opening of Texas

GA-26 Essentially opens nearly all Texas businesses to some extent but restrictions on gatherings remain.

- Gatherings limited to groups of ten or less
 - Groups should maintain six feet social distancing
- People over 65 are strongly encouraged to stay at home

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With some exceptions “Every business in Texas” can operate at 50% total capacity

- Capacity limit does not apply to the following:
 - *CISA services, religious services, local government, child-care services, youth camps and rec sports programs*
- Outdoor areas, events or establishments
- Cosmetology salons, massage parlors, personal care and beauty services such as tanning salons, tattoo studios, etc. - but stations must be 6 ft. apart

Outdoor Areas, Events, or Establishments

- The following outdoor areas, events, or establishments must limit their capacity to 50 % of the normal operating limits as determined by the owner:
 - professional, collegiate, or similar sporting events;
 - swimming pools;
 - water parks;
 - museums and libraries;
 - zoos, aquariums, natural caverns, and similar facilities; and
 - rodeos and equestrian events
- Businesses with a retractable roof are considered indoor facilities

Amusement Parks

- Effective June 19, 2020, amusement parks in counties with **more than 1,000 COVID cases** may operate up to 50% of the normal operating limits as determined by the amusement park operator

Outdoor Events

- Outdoor events of in excess of 500 people are permitted
 - County judge or mayor, as appropriate, in consultation with the local public health authority, may impose additional restrictions on these gatherings

Bars and Dine-in Restaurants

- Bars that hold a permit from the TABC may operate at 50% capacity (indoors) and may only serve customers who are seated
- Effective June 12, dine-in restaurants that have less than 51% of their gross receipts from the sale of alcoholic beverages may operate at up to 75 % of the total listed occupancy
- Outdoor areas must still follow health protocols

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- Staff members are not included in determining operating levels
- Valet services permitted for all including those with disabled parking
- Covered Services/ DSHS Health Protocols - Compliance Standard?
 - good-faith efforts
 - available resources and COVID-19 extenuating circumstances
 - ***substantial compliance***
- Businesses may require customers to follow additional hygiene measures such as wearing a face covering

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- Enforcement tools remain the same – Fine up to \$1,000 and regulatory action
- Local orders superseded to the extent they conflict with GA-26
 - Additional local requirements for outdoor events of over 500 allowed
- No specific end date to GA-26