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Directive on Re-Opening Texas Economy

U.S. President Donald Trump and Texas Governor Greg Abbott have both indicated a strong desire to begin re-opening the U.S. and Texas economies on a limited / safe basis. On April 17, 2020, Texas Governor Greg Abbott announced that as part of Phase I of re-opening Texas, he would allow retail businesses to open on Friday, April 24, 2020 on a take-out / curbside basis only. Additionally, on April 27, 2020, Governor Abbott expanded the opening guidelines for businesses to take effect on Friday, May 1, 2020. These new guidelines are an enhancement of / addition to the Essential Businesses that have already been conducting business under specific guidelines.

Please see below for guidelines related to who should / should not be open as per the Phase I Re-Opening guidelines, and also find a copy of the “City of McAllen Safe Business Phase I Re-Opening Commitment” – a document which your business will be required to print, sign, and post publicly where your customers can easily view it.

Link for Re-Opening Commitment form and information about your business requirements: <https://www.mcallen.net/covid19/re-opening.html>
(scroll to the bottom of the page)

Governor Greg Abbott Prepares to Re-Open Texas May 1

On Monday, April 27 - Texas Governor Greg Abbott stated he would allow his Stay At Home Executive Order to expire on Thursday, April 30.

Governor Abbott issued three (3) new orders on April 27, 2020 re-opening more businesses in Texas. (See new orders below)

Under **GA-18**, beginning May 1, 2020 - Texas will fully move into Phase 1 of the re-opening process starting with restaurants, in-store retail businesses, and movie theaters being allowed to operate at 25 percent capacity. He also added museums and libraries to open at their discretion keeping in mind social distancing. The Governor stated his Strike Force also reviewed gyms, hair salons, barber shops, and bars, but in an abundance of caution, these establishments must remain closed until further notice. Governor Abbott is allowing outdoor sports as long as there are no more than four people



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in a group. If the spread is contained, Texas could move into Phase 2 by May 18. Vulnerable populations are still recommended to stay home for their safety. Facial coverings are no longer mandated but are encouraged. Social distancing of 6-feet is still recommended.

Signed on the same day, under order **GA-19** Governor Abbott relaxed certain restrictions related to health care professionals and issued amended requirements related to hospital capacity.

GA-20 eliminates the mandatory 14-day quarantine period for individuals traveling from Louisiana. Under GA-20, the mandated 14-day quarantine for travelers from the following areas remains in place: California; Connecticut; New York; New Jersey; Washington; Atlanta, Georgia; Chicago, Illinois; Detroit, Michigan, and Miami, Florida.

Please visit Governor Abbott's website at <https://gov.texas.gov/> for more information.