



NOTICE

Per Governor Greg Abbott Executive Order No. GA-28 relating to the targeted response to the COVID-19 disaster as part of the reopening of Texas.

Effective at noon on June 26, 2020

- People shall not visit bars or similar establishments that hold a permit from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC)

All counties must adhere to all other provisions set forth on the attached page, including the standard health protocols listed on the DSHS website, as amended by the June 3, 2020 update. Per DSHS the stricter statewide restrictions to 50% occupancy apply to a county that has more than 3 positive cases per 1,000 residents.

Wilson County Declaration of Public Health Emergency

Pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, Wilson County Judge Richard L. Jackson hereby issues this Executive Order as follows:

Effective as of 12:00 p.m. on Monday, June 29, 2020, and continuing through 11:59 a.m. on Monday, July 6, 2020 unless extended, modified or terminated early by Wilson County Commissioners Court or as otherwise indicated below:

- **Health and Safety Policy – Commercial Entities:** From the date of this Executive Order, all commercial entities in Wilson County providing goods or services directly to the public must develop and implement a health and safety policy. The Health and Safety Policy must require, at a minimum, that all employees or visitors to the commercial entity's business premises or other facilities wear face coverings when in an area or performing an activity which will necessarily involve close contact or proximity to coworkers or the public where six feet of separation is not feasible.
- **Face Coverings – General Public:** That all people 10 years or older shall wear a face covering over their nose and mouth when in a public place where it is difficult to keep six feet away from other people or working in areas that involve close proximity with other coworkers.



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

June 26, 2020

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[Signature]
Secretary of State

The Honorable Ruth R. Hughs
Secretary of State
State Capitol Room 1E.8
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Secretary Hughs:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following:

Executive Order No. GA-28 relating to the targeted response to the COVID-19
disaster as part of the reopening of Texas.

The original executive order is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Gregory S. Davidson
Executive Clerk to the Governor

GSD/gsd

Attachment

Executive Order

BY THE
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

Executive Department
Austin, Texas
June 26, 2020

EXECUTIVE ORDER GA 28

*Relating to the targeted response to the COVID-19 disaster
as part of the reopening of Texas.*

WHEREAS, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on March 13, 2020, certifying under Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code that the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) poses an imminent threat of disaster for all counties in the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, in each subsequent month effective through today, I have renewed the disaster declaration for all Texas counties; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), Dr. John Hellerstedt, has determined that COVID-19 continues to represent a public health disaster within the meaning of Chapter 81 of the Texas Health and Safety Code; and

WHEREAS, I have issued executive orders and suspensions of Texas laws in response to COVID-19, aimed at protecting the health and safety of Texans and ensuring an effective response to this disaster; and

WHEREAS, I issued Executive Order GA-08 on March 19, 2020, mandating certain social-distancing restrictions for Texans in accordance with guidelines promulgated by President Donald J. Trump and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); and

WHEREAS, I issued Executive Order GA-14 on March 31, 2020, expanding the social-distancing restrictions for Texans based on guidance from health experts and the President; and

WHEREAS, I subsequently issued Executive Orders GA-16, GA-18, GA-21, GA-23, and GA-26 from April through early June 2020, aiming to achieve the least restrictive means of combatting the threat to public health by continuing certain social-distancing restrictions, while implementing a safe, strategic plan to Open Texas; and

WHEREAS, as Texas reopens in the midst of COVID-19, increased spread is to be expected, and the key to controlling the spread and keeping Texas residents safe is for all Texans to consistently follow good hygiene and social-distancing practices, especially those set forth in the minimum standard health protocols from DSHS; and

WHEREAS, due to recent substantial increases in COVID-19 positive cases, and increases in the COVID-19 positivity rate and hospitalizations resulting from COVID-19, targeted and temporary adjustments to the reopening plan are needed to achieve the

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least restrictive means for reducing the growing spread of COVID-19 and the resulting imminent threat to public health, and to avoid a need for more extreme measures; and

WHEREAS, everyone must act safely, and to that end, this executive order and prior executive orders provide that all persons should follow the health protocols from DSHS, which whenever achieved will mean compliance with the minimum standards for safely reopening, but which should not be used to fault those who act in good faith but can only substantially comply with the standards in light of scarce resources and other extenuating COVID-19 circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the "governor is responsible for meeting ... the dangers to the state and people presented by disasters" under Section 418.011 of the Texas Government Code, and the legislature has given the governor broad authority to fulfill that responsibility; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with any executive order issued during the COVID-19 disaster is an offense punishable under Section 418.173 by a fine not to exceed \$1,000, and may be subject to regulatory enforcement;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and in accordance with guidance from DSHS Commissioner Dr. Hellerstedt and other medical advisors, the Governor's Strike Force to Open Texas, the White House, and the CDC, do hereby order the following on a statewide basis effective at noon on June 26, 2020:

Every business establishment in Texas shall operate at no more than 50 percent of the total listed occupancy of the establishment; provided, however, that:

1. There is no occupancy limit for the following:
 - a. any services listed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) in its Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce, Version 3.1 or any subsequent version;
 - b. religious services, including those conducted in churches, congregations, and houses of worship;
 - c. local government operations, including county and municipal governmental operations relating to licensing (including marriage licenses), permitting, recordation, and document-filing services, as determined by the local government;
 - d. child-care services;
 - e. youth camps, including but not limited to those defined as such under Chapter 141 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, and including all summer camps and other daytime and overnight camps for youths; and
 - f. recreational sports programs for youths and adults;
2. Except as provided below by paragraph number 5, this 50 percent occupancy limit does not apply to outdoor areas, events, or establishments, except that the following outdoor areas or outdoor venues shall operate at no more than 50 percent of the normal operating limits as determined by the owner:
 - a. professional, collegiate, or similar sporting events;
 - b. swimming pools;
 - c. water parks;
 - d. museums and libraries;
 - e. zoos, aquariums, natural caverns, and similar facilities; and

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- f. rodeos and equestrian events;
- 3. This 50 percent occupancy limit does not apply to the following establishments that operate with at least six feet of social distancing between work stations:
 - a. cosmetology salons, hair salons, barber shops, nail salons/shops, and other establishments where licensed cosmetologists or barbers practice their trade;
 - b. massage establishments and other facilities where licensed massage therapists or other persons licensed or otherwise authorized to practice under Chapter 455 of the Texas Occupations Code practice their trade; and
 - c. other personal-care and beauty services such as tanning salons, tattoo studios, piercing studios, hair removal services, and hair loss treatment and growth services;
- 4. Amusement parks shall operate at no more than 50 percent of the normal operating limits as determined by the owner;
- 5. For any outdoor gathering in excess of 100 people, other than those set forth above in paragraph numbers 1, 2, or 4, the gathering is prohibited unless the mayor of the city in which the gathering is held, or the county judge in the case of a gathering in an unincorporated area, approves of the gathering, and such approval can be made subject to certain conditions or restrictions not inconsistent with this executive order;
- 6. For dine-in services by restaurants that have less than 51 percent of their gross receipts from the sale of alcoholic beverages, the occupancy limit shall remain at 75 percent until 12:01 a.m. on June 29, 2020, at which time such restaurants may only operate at up to 50 percent of the total listed occupancy of the restaurant, subject to paragraph number 9 below;
- 7. People shall not visit bars or similar establishments that hold a permit from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) and are not restaurants as defined above in paragraph number 6; provided, however, that the use by such bars or similar establishments of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options for food and drinks is allowed to the extent authorized by TABC;
- 8. People shall not use commercial rafting or tubing services, including rental of rafts or tubes and transportation of people for the purpose of rafting or tubing;
- 9. For any business establishment that is subject to a 50 percent "total listed occupancy" limit or "normal operating limit," and that is in a county that has filed with DSHS, and is in compliance with, the requisite attestation form promulgated by DSHS regarding minimal cases of COVID-19, the business establishment may operate at up to 75 percent of the total listed occupancy or normal operating limit of the establishment;
- 10. For purposes of this executive order, facilities with retractable roofs are considered indoor facilities, whether the roof is opened or closed;
- 11. Staff members are not included in determining operating levels, except for manufacturing services and office workers;
- 12. Except as provided in this executive order or in the minimum standard health protocols recommended by DSHS, found at www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus, people should not be in groups larger than ten and should maintain six feet of social distancing from those not in their group;
- 13. People over the age of 65 are strongly encouraged to stay at home as much as possible; to maintain appropriate distance from any member of the household who has been out of the residence in the previous 14 days; and, if leaving the

home, to implement social distancing and to practice good hygiene, environmental cleanliness, and sanitation;

14. In providing or obtaining services, every person (including individuals, businesses, and other legal entities) should use good-faith efforts and available resources to follow the minimum standard health protocols recommended by DSHS;
15. Nothing in this executive order or the DSHS minimum standards precludes requiring a customer to follow additional hygiene measures when obtaining services. Individuals are encouraged to wear appropriate face coverings, but no jurisdiction can impose a civil or criminal penalty for failure to wear a face covering;
16. People shall not visit nursing homes, state supported living centers, assisted living facilities, or long-term care facilities unless as determined through guidance from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC). Nursing homes, state supported living centers, assisted living facilities, and long-term care facilities should follow infection control policies and practices set forth by HHSC, including minimizing the movement of staff between facilities whenever possible; and
17. For the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, public schools may resume operations for the summer as provided by, and under the minimum standard health protocols found in, guidance issued by the Texas Education Agency (TEA). Private schools and institutions of higher education are encouraged to establish similar standards. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, schools may conduct graduation ceremonies consistent with the minimum standard health protocols found in guidance issued by TEA.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the governor may by proclamation add to the list of establishments or venues that people shall not visit.

This executive order shall supersede any conflicting order issued by local officials in response to the COVID-19 disaster, but only to the extent that such a local order restricts services allowed by this executive order, allows gatherings prohibited by this executive order, or expands the list or scope of services as set forth in this executive order. Pursuant to Section 418.016(a) of the Texas Government Code, I hereby suspend Sections 418.1015(b) and 418.108 of the Texas Government Code, Chapter 81, Subchapter E of the Texas Health and Safety Code, and any other relevant statutes, to the extent necessary to ensure that local officials do not impose restrictions in response to the COVID-19 disaster that are inconsistent with this executive order, provided that local officials may enforce this executive order as well as local restrictions that are consistent with this executive order.

All existing state executive orders relating to COVID-19 are amended to eliminate confinement in jail as an available penalty for violating the executive orders. To the extent any order issued by local officials in response to the COVID-19 disaster would allow confinement in jail as an available penalty for violating a COVID-19-related order, that order allowing confinement in jail is superseded, and I hereby suspend all relevant laws to the extent necessary to ensure that local officials do not confine people in jail for violating any executive order or local order issued in response to the COVID-19 disaster.

This executive order supersedes Executive Order GA-26, but does not supersede Executive Orders GA-10, GA-13, GA-17, GA-19, GA-24, GA-25, or GA-27. This

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executive order shall remain in effect and in full force unless it is modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded by the governor. This executive order may also be amended by proclamation of the governor.



Given under my hand this the 26th
day of June, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Greg Abbott", written over a horizontal line.

GREG ABBOTT
Governor

ATTESTED BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ruth R. Hughes", written over a horizontal line.

RUTH R. HUGHES
Secretary of State

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DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, I, Richard L. Jackson, Wilson County Judge, am issuing this declaration of public health emergency pursuant to the authority granted to me under the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 (Texas Government Code, Chapter 418) to declare a public health emergency and order the implementation of certain directives as further set out herein; and

WHEREAS, the transmission of COVID-19 has not dissipated but remains a significant threat to the health and safety of the Wilson County Community and rates of infection are increasing at an alarming exponential rate despite efforts by local authorities to control the spread; and

WHEREAS, the County Judge has determined that extraordinary emergency measures must be taken to try and mitigate the effects of this public health emergency and to facilitate a response to the public health threat; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, the County Judge may declare a local state of disaster in and for the County and may exercise the powers granted therein on an appropriate local scale; and

WHEREAS, there currently still exists a declaration of public health disaster in and for the State of Texas as declared by Texas Governor Greg Abbott and the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) which authorizes the Wilson County Judge to take such actions as are necessary in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Wilson County by the issuance of executive orders as necessary (each, an "Executive Order");

WHEREAS, Wilson County will continue to work collaboratively with the City of Floresville, the City of La Vernia, the City of Poth, the City of Stockdale, Wilson County employees, as well as, the local health authority, to ensure that all appropriate measures are undertaken to limit the spread of COVID-19 within Wilson County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted to the County Judge under the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, I authorize the use of all available resources of state government and political subdivisions to assist the County's response to this situation; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this Executive Order to remain as consistent with and to

harmonize, to the greatest extent possible, the executive orders of Governor Greg Abbott and any current declarations in Wilson County Communities; and

WHEREAS, by the authority vested in me as Wilson County Judge and as the Emergency Management Director for the County of Wilson to continue to protect the health and safety of the community and address developing and rapidly changing circumstances when presented by the current public health emergency, I hereby rescind my previous Executive Orders and any Supplemental Executive Orders and issue this revised Executive Order in their place.

PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS DISASTER ACT OF 1975, WILSON COUNTY JUDGE RICHARD L. JACKSON HEREBY ISSUES THIS EXECUTIVE ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Effective as of 12:00 p.m. on Monday, June 29, 2020 ("Effective Date"), and continuing through 11 :59 a.m. on Monday, July 6, 2020 unless extended, modified or terminated early by Wilson County Commissioners Court or as otherwise indicated below:

- I. **Public Health Emergency**— That this Executive Order shall continue the local disaster declaration and public health emergency for Wilson County for the period specified in this Executive Order and shall incorporate and adopt the most recent executive order GA-26 issued by Governor Greg Abbott on June 3, 2020, and any subsequent orders by the Governor relating to the expanded opening of Texas in response to the COVID-19 disaster.
- II. **Health and Safety Policy— Commercial Entities:** From the date of this Executive Order, all commercial entities in Wilson County providing goods or services directly to the public must develop and implement a health and safety policy ("Health and Safety Policy"). The Health and Safety Policy must require, at a minimum, that all employees or visitors to the commercial entity's business premises or other facilities wear face coverings when in an area or performing an activity which will necessarily involve close contact or proximity to co-workers or the public where six feet of separation is not feasible. The Health and Safety Policy required to be developed and implemented by this Executive Order may also include the implementation of other mitigating measures designed to control and reduce the transmission of COVID-19 such as temperature checks or health screenings. Commercial entities must post the Health and Safety Policy required by this Executive Order in a conspicuous location sufficient to provide notice to employees and visitors of all health and safety requirements.
- III. **Face Coverings— General Public:** That all people 10 years or older shall wear a face covering over their nose and mouth when in a public place where it

is difficult to keep six feet away from other people or working in areas that involve close proximity with other coworkers. The CDC advises face coverings for people 2 years or older. Face coverings may include homemade masks, scarfs, bandanas, or a handkerchief. Wilson County residents should continue to maintain social distancing of at least six feet while outside their home. All County employees are also required to wear face coverings under the same circumstances as the general public and when dealing with the public.

IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU NOT OBTAIN OR WEAR MEDICAL MASKS or N-95 RESPIRATORS AS THEY ARE A NEEDED RESOURCE FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS.

Face coverings do not need to be worn in the following circumstances:

- When exercising outside or engaging in physical activity outside;
- While driving alone or with passengers who are part of the same household as the driver;
- When doing so poses a greater mental or physical health, safety, or security risk;
- While pumping gas or operating outdoor equipment;
- While in a building or activity that requires security surveillance or screening, for example, banks; or
- When consuming food or drink

Please note that face coverings are a secondary strategy to other mitigation efforts. Face coverings are not a replacement for social distancing, frequent hand washing, and self-isolation when sick. All people should follow CDC recommendations for how to wear and take off a mask.

Residents should keep up the following habits while in public:

- washing hands before you leave home and when you return,
- staying at least six feet away from others,
- avoiding touching nose or face,
- not using disposable masks more than three times, and
- washing reusable cloth masks regularly to prevent the spread of the virus.

Consistent with Executive Order GA-26 issued by Governor Greg Abbott, no civil or criminal penalty will be imposed on individuals for failure to wear a face covering.

Severability: The sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this

Executive Order are severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Executive Order should be declared invalid by the final judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections that can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end, the provisions of this Executive Order are severable.

Interpretation and Additional Terms: To the greatest extent possible, this Executive Order shall be interpreted as consistent with and supplemental to any executive order issued by the Texas Governor. All provisions of the executive orders of the Texas Governor either existing or as, if and when issued, which are made applicable to all jurisdictions by law shall be automatically incorporated into and constitute terms of this Executive Order, enforceable as if set forth herein without necessity for the issuance of any further orders.

DECLARED this 26th day of June, 2020.



Richard L. Jackson, Wilson County Judge

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**ATTESTATION FOR RURAL COUNTIES WITH TEN OR FEWER
LABORATORY CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID-19
(If no previous attestation has been filed.)**

Rural counties may, on an individualized basis, increase capacity for restaurants, retail, and/or movie theaters if the county judge certifies and affirms to the Governor that the following standards have been investigated and confirmed to be met:

1. The county had ten or fewer COVID-19 laboratory confirmed cases on June 3, 2020, or on a later date if the county has 10 or fewer active COVID-19 cases, as verified by DSHS.
2. The county has created a list of testing opportunities in the county or the area.
3. The county has been in contact with your designated RAC to ensure the community is prepared for any needed health care transfers.
4. The county has provided public notice to the residents of your county, including:
 - Signs and symptoms of COVID-19.
 - Recommended health and safety protocols in line with CDC guidance.
 - Information regarding how residents can get tested in the area.
 - A link to the DSHS website where residents can go to learn about community spread in nearby communities, in order to help county residents understand their risk to exposure if they travel regularly outside of the county.
5. The county has contacted each of the following types of facilities located in your county to ensure they are complying with HHSC and CDC guidelines regarding COVID-19:
 - Nursing homes
 - Assisted living facilities
 - Industrial, agricultural, or business facilities with a significant number of employees
 - City or county jails



6. The county is equipped and prepared to protect vulnerable populations, including nursing homes and assisted living facilities.
7. The county has documented procedures to be activated if a resident becomes COVID-19 positive, including procedures to close businesses or facilities as necessary in line with the plan to open Texas.
8. The county has contacted DSHS in order to create a plan to ensure contact tracing will occur within 48 hours of a positive test reported to DSHS.

If the county meets the above standards and chooses to do so, the county may allow business establishments subjected to 50% limit to go up to 75% of occupancy.

All counties must adhere to all other provisions set forth on the previous pages, including the standard health protocols listed on the DSHS website, as amended by the June 3, 2020 update.

The stricter statewide restrictions to 50% of the total listed capacity for establishments listed in GA-26 will be re-applied if:

1. Five consecutive testing / tracking intervals with positivity rates > 12% in that interval; or
2. The county has more than 3 positive cases per 1,000 residents; or
3. Less than 15% of the surge capacity in hospitals for the catchment area is available.

Send the signed attestation form, including the supplemental county information, to the Department of State Health Services Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) email box at: coronavirus@dshs.texas.gov. Please include the word "attestation" in the subject line for proper routing.



OFFICIAL DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
REQUIRED **HEALTH AND SAFETY** POLICY

FACE COVERING REQUIRED FOR ENTRY

**ALL EMPLOYEES
AND CUSTOMERS
IN THIS FACILITY
MUST WEAR
A FACE COVERING**



The virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to others by infected persons who have few or no symptoms. To reduce the public health threat and to do our part to protect our employees and the community, this business has adopted and implemented at a minimum, the face covering requirement as part of its required Health and Safety Policy per Declaration of Public Health Emergency issued by County Judge Richard Jackson.

Pursuant to Declaration of Public Health Emergency, face coverings are required when entering this facility and when in an area or performing an activity which will necessarily involve close contact or proximity to co-workers or the public where six feet of separation is not feasible.



**DECLARACION OFICIAL DE EMERGENCIA DE SALUD PUBLICA
POLITICA DE SALUD Y SEGURIDAD REQUERIDA**

**SE REQUIERE EL USO
DE CUBREBOCAS
PARA ENTRAR**

**TODOS LOS CLIENTES
Y EMPLEADOS EN
ESTA INSTALACIÓN
DEBEN DE USAR
CUBREBOCAS**



El virus que causa COVID-19 puede transmitirse a otras personas infectadas que tienen pocos o ningún síntoma. Para reducir la amenaza a la salud pública y hacer nuestra parte para proteger a nuestros empleados y la comunidad, este negocio ha adoptado e implementado como mínimo, el requisito de cobertura facial como parte de su Política de Salud y Seguridad requerida por la Declaración Oficial De Emergencia De Salud Pública emitida por el Juez del Condado de Wilson, Richard Jackson.

De conformidad con la Declaración Oficial De Emergencia De Salud Pública, se requieren cubiertas faciales al ingresar a esta instalación y cuando esta en un área o realiza una actividad que necesariamente implicará cerrar contacto o proximidad a compañeros de trabajo o al público donde no es factible una separación de seis pies.