



# Minimum Standard Health Protocols for COVID-19

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☑ CHECKLIST FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS

The following are the minimum recommended health protocols for all individuals in Texas. These minimum health protocols are not a limit on the health protocols that individuals may adopt. Individuals are encouraged to adopt additional protocols consistent with their specific needs and circumstances to help protect the health and safety of all Texans.

The virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to others by infected persons who have few or no symptoms. Even if an infected person is only mildly ill, the people they spread it to may become seriously ill or even die, especially if that person is 65 or older with pre-existing health conditions that place them at higher risk. Because of the hidden nature of this threat, everyone should rigorously follow the practices specified in these protocols, all of which facilitate a safe and measured reopening of Texas. The virus that causes COVID-19 is still circulating in our communities. We should continue to observe practices that protect everyone, including those who are most vulnerable.

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Health protocols for individuals:

- ☐ Maintain at least 6 feet separation from other individuals not within the same household. If such distancing is not feasible, other measures such as face covering, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, cleanliness, and sanitation should be rigorously practiced.
☐ Self-screen before going into a business for any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:
☐ Cough ☐ Sore throat
☐ Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing ☐ Loss of taste or smell
☐ Chills ☐ Diarrhea
☐ Repeated shaking with chills ☐ Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
☐ Muscle pain ☐ Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19
☐ Headache
☐ Wash or disinfect hands upon entering a business and after any interaction with employees, other customers, or items in the business.
☐ Consistent with the actions taken by many individuals across the state, consider wearing cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth) when entering a business, or when within 6 feet of another person who is not a member of the individual's household. If available, individuals should consider wearing non-medical grade face masks.
☐ Individuals aged 65 or older are at a higher risk of COVID-19. To the extent possible, avoid being within 6 feet with individuals aged 65 and older. Individuals aged 65 and older should stay at home as much as possible.
☐ Avoid being in groups of more than 5 individuals.



**CHECKLIST FOR ALL EMPLOYERS**

*The following are the minimum recommended health protocols for all businesses choosing to operate in Texas. Employers may adopt additional protocols consistent with their specific needs and circumstances to help protect the health and safety of all employees, contractors, and customers.*

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**Health protocols for your employees and contractors:**

- Train all employees on appropriate cleaning and disinfection, hand hygiene, and respiratory etiquette.
- Screen employees and contractors before coming into the business:
  - Send home any employee or contractor who has any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:
 

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cough</li> <li>- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing</li> <li>- Chills</li> <li>- Repeated shaking with chills</li> <li>- Muscle pain</li> <li>- Headache</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sore throat</li> <li>- Loss of taste or smell</li> <li>- Diarrhea</li> <li>- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit</li> <li>- Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19</li> </ul>
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  - Do not allow employees or contractors with new or worsening signs or symptoms listed above to return to work until:
    - In the case of an employee or contractor who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to work when all three of the following criteria are met: at least 3 days (72 hours) have passed *since recovery* (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing



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medications); and the individual has *improvement* in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and at least 10 days have passed *since symptoms first appeared*; or

- In the case of an employee or contractor who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and does not get evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, the individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to work until the individual has completed the same three-step criteria listed above; or
- If the employee or contractor has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to work before completing the above self-isolation period, the individual must obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis.

- Do not allow an employee or contractor with known close contact to a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 to return to work until the end of the 14 day self-quarantine period from the last date of exposure (with an exception granted for healthcare workers and critical infrastructure workers).
- Have employees and contractors wash or sanitize their hands upon entering the business.
- Have employees and contractors maintain at least 6 feet separation from other individuals. If such distancing is not feasible, other measures such as face covering, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, cleanliness, and sanitation should be rigorously practiced.
- If an employer provides a meal for employees and/or contractors, employers are recommended to have the meal individually packed for each individual.
- Consistent with the actions taken by many employers across the state, consider having all employees and contractors wear cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth). If available, employees and contractors should consider wearing non-medical grade face masks.

### Health protocols for your facilities:

- If 6 feet of separation is not available between employees, contractors, and/or customers inside the facility, consider the use of engineering controls, such as dividers between individuals, to minimize the chances of transmission of COVID-19
- Regularly and frequently clean and disinfect any regularly touched surfaces, such as doorknobs, tables, chairs, and restrooms.
- Disinfect any items that come into contact with customers.
- Make hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, soap and water, or similar disinfectant readily available to employees, contractors, and customers.
- Place readily visible signage at the business to remind everyone of best hygiene practices.
- For employers with more than 10 employees and/or contractors present at one time, consider having an individual wholly or partially dedicated to ensuring the health protocols adopted by the employer are being successfully implemented and followed.



**CHECKLIST FOR RETAILERS**

***Non-essential retailers may operate up to 25% of the total listed occupancy. In addition, non-essential retailers may operate through pickup, delivery by mail, or delivery to the customer’s doorstep. Shopping malls may operate at up to 25% of the total listed occupancy of the shopping mall, but shopping mall food court dining areas, play areas, and interactive displays and settings must remain closed. Employees and contractors of the retailer or shopping mall are not counted towards the 25% occupancy limitation.***

*The following are the minimum recommended health protocols for all retailers choosing to operate in Texas. Retailers may adopt additional protocols consistent with their specific needs and circumstances to help protect the health and safety of all employees, contractors, and customers.*

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**Health protocols for serving your customers:**

- Retailers are encouraged to consider dedicating a certain period of time each day for only at-risk customers<sup>1</sup> or deliver purchased goods to vehicles to reduce the need for at-risk customers to enter the store.
- If practical, monitor what items customers touch to clean or disinfect when the customer leaves the retail establishment.
- Contactless payment is encouraged. Where not available, contact should be minimized.

<sup>1</sup> At-risk customers are those who are 65 or older, especially those with chronic lung disease; moderate to severe asthma; chronic heart disease; severe obesity; diabetes; chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis; liver disease; or weakened immune system



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### Health protocols for your retail employees and contractors:

- Train all employees and contractors on appropriate cleaning and disinfection, hand hygiene, and respiratory etiquette.
  - Screen employees and contractors before coming into the retailer:
    - Send home any employee or contractor who has any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:
      - Cough
      - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
      - Chills
      - Repeated shaking with chills
      - Muscle pain
      - Headache
      - Sore throat
      - Loss of taste or smell
      - Diarrhea
      - Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
      - Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19
  - Do not allow employees or contractors with new or worsening signs or symptoms listed above to return to work until:
    - In the case of an employee or contractor who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to work when all three of the following criteria are met: at least 3 days (72 hours) have passed *since recovery* (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications); and the individual has *improvement* in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and at least 10 days have passed *since symptoms first appeared*; or
    - In the case of an employee or contractor who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and does not get evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, the individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to work until the individual has completed the same three-step criteria listed above; or
    - If the employee or contractor has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to work before completing the above self-isolation period, the individual must obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis.
  - Do not allow an employee or contractor with known close contact to a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 to return to work until the end of the 14 day self-quarantine period from the last date of exposure (with an exception granted for healthcare workers and critical infrastructure workers).
- Have employees and contractors wash or sanitize their hands upon entering the retailer.



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- Have employees and contractors maintain at least 6 feet separation from other individuals. If such distancing is not feasible, other measures such as face covering, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, cleanliness, and sanitation should be rigorously practiced.
- If a retailer provides a meal for employees and/or contractors, the retailer is recommended to have the meal individually packed for each individual.
- Consistent with the actions taken by many retailers across the state, consider having all employees and contractors wear cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth). If available, employees and contractors should consider wearing non-medical grade face masks.

### Health protocols for your retail facilities:

- If 6 feet of separation is not available between employees, contractors, and/or customers inside the facility, consider the use of engineering controls, such as dividers between individuals, to minimize the chances of transmission of COVID-19
- Regularly and frequently clean and disinfect any regularly touched surfaces, such as doorknobs, tables, chairs, and restrooms.
- Disinfect any items that come into contact with customers.
- Make hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, soap and water, or similar disinfectant readily available to employees, contractors, and customers.
- Place readily visible signage at the retailer to remind everyone of best hygiene practices.
- For retailers with more than 10 employees and/or contractors present at one time, consider having an individual wholly or partially dedicated to ensuring the health protocols adopted by the retailer are being successfully implemented and followed.



☑ CHECKLIST FOR RETAIL CUSTOMERS

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Health protocols for retail customers:

- ☐ Self-screen before going into a retailer for any of the following, and do not go into a retailer with any of the following symptoms:
☐ Cough
☐ Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
☐ Chills
☐ Repeated shaking with chills
☐ Muscle pain
☐ Headache
☐ Sore throat
☐ Loss of taste or smell
☐ Diarrhea
☐ Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
☐ Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19
☐ Wash or disinfect hands upon entering a retailer and after any interaction with employees, other customers, or items in the retailer.
☐ Maintain at least 6 feet separation from other individuals not within the same household. If such distancing is not feasible, other measures such as face covering, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, cleanliness, and sanitation should be rigorously practiced.
☐ Wash or sanitize hands after the payment process.
☐ Consistent with the actions taken by many individuals across the state, consider wearing cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth) when entering a retailer, or when within 6 feet of another person who is not a member of the individual's household. If available, individuals should consider wearing non-medical grade face masks.
☐ Individuals aged 65 or older are at a higher risk of COVID-19. To the extent possible, avoid contact within 6 feet with individuals aged 65 and older. Individuals aged 65 and older should stay at home as much as possible.





☑ CHECKLIST FOR RESTAURANTS

Restaurants may operate for dine-in service up to 25% of the total listed occupancy inside the restaurant, and may not offer valet services except for vehicles with placards or plates for disabled parking; outdoor dining is not subject to an occupancy limit; and restaurant employees and contractors are not counted towards the 25% occupancy limitation. This applies only to restaurants that have less than 51% of their gross sales from alcoholic beverages. Restaurants may continue to provide to-go or delivery services.

The following are the minimum recommended health protocols for all restaurants choosing to operate in Texas. Restaurants may adopt additional protocols consistent with their specific needs and circumstances to help protect the health and safety of all employees, contractors, and customers.

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Health protocols for serving your customers:

- ☐ Parties maintain at least 6 feet distance apart from other parties at all times, including while waiting to be seated in the restaurant.
☐ Make a hand sanitizing station available upon entry to the restaurant.
☐ No tables of more than 6 people.
☐ Dining:
☐ Do not leave condiments, silverware, flatware, glassware, or other traditional table top items on an unoccupied table
☐ Provide condiments only upon request, and in single use (non-reusable) portions.
☐ Use disposable menus (new for each patron)
☐ If a buffet is offered, restaurant employees serve the food to customers.
☐ Contactless payment is encouraged. Where not available, contact should be minimized.



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### Health protocols for your employees and contractors:

- Train all employees and contractors on appropriate cleaning and disinfection, hand hygiene, and respiratory etiquette.
  - Screen employees and contractors before coming into the restaurant:
    - Send home any employee or contractor who has any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:
      - Cough
      - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
      - Chills
      - Repeated shaking with chills
      - Muscle pain
      - Headache
      - Sore throat
      - Loss of taste or smell
      - Diarrhea
      - Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
      - Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19
  - Do not allow employees or contractors with new or worsening signs or symptoms listed above to return to work until:
    - In the case of an employee or contractor who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to work when all three of the following criteria are met: at least 3 days (72 hours) have passed *since recovery* (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications); and the individual has *improvement* in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and at least 10 days have passed *since symptoms first appeared*; or
    - In the case of an employee or contractor who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and does not get evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, the individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to work until the individual has completed the same three-step criteria listed above; or
    - If the employee or contractor has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to work before completing the above self-isolation period, the individual must obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis.
  - Do not allow an employee or contractor with known close contact to a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 to return to work until the end of the 14 day self-quarantine period from the last date of exposure (with an exception granted for healthcare workers and critical infrastructure workers).
- Have employees and contractors wash or sanitize their hands upon entering the restaurant, and between interactions with customers.



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- Have employees and contractors maintain at least 6 feet separation from other individuals. If such distancing is not feasible, measures such as face covering, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, cleanliness, and sanitation should be rigorously practiced
- Consistent with the actions taken by many restaurants across the state, consider having all employees and contractors wear cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth). If available, employees and contractors should consider wearing non-medical grade face masks.

### Health protocols for your facilities:

- Consider having an employee or contractor manage and control access to the restaurant, including opening doors to prevent patrons from touching door handles.
- Regularly and frequently clean and disinfect any regularly touched surfaces, such as doorknobs, tables, and chairs.
- Regularly and frequently clean restrooms, and document the cleanings.
- Disinfect any items that come into contact with customers.
- Make hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, soap and water, or similar disinfectant readily available to employees, contractors, and customers.
- Place readily visible signage at the restaurant to remind everyone of best hygiene practices.
- Clean and disinfect the area used for dining (table, etc.) after each group of customers depart, including the disinfecting of tables, chairs, stalls, and countertops.
- Clean and sanitize restaurants daily.
- For restaurants with more than 10 employees and/or contractors present at one time, consider having an individual wholly or partially dedicated to ensuring the health protocols adopted by the restaurant are being successfully implemented and followed.



☑ CHECKLIST FOR RESTAURANT CUSTOMERS

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Health protocols for restaurant customers:

- ☐ Maintain at least 6 feet separation from other individuals not within the same party. If such distancing is not feasible, other measures such as face covering when not sitting at the table, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, cleanliness, and sanitation should be rigorously practiced.
☐ Self-screen before going into a restaurant for any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:
☐ Cough
☐ Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
☐ Chills
☐ Repeated shaking with chills
☐ Muscle pain
☐ Headache
☐ Sore throat
☐ Loss of taste or smell
☐ Diarrhea
☐ Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
☐ Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19
☐ Wash or disinfect hands upon entering a restaurant and after any interaction with employees, other customers, or items in the restaurant.
☐ No tables of more than 6 people.
☐ Customers should wash or sanitize their hands after the payment process.
☐ Consistent with the actions taken by many individuals across the state, consider wearing cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth) when not at the table, or when within 6 feet of another person who is not a member of the individual's household. If available, individuals should consider wearing non-medical grade face masks.
☐ Individuals aged 65 or older are at a higher risk of COVID-19. To the extent possible, avoid contact within 6 feet with individuals aged 65 and older. Individuals aged 65 and older should stay at home as much as possible.



CHECKLIST FOR MOVIE THEATERS

**Movie theaters may operate up to 25% of the total listed occupancy of any individual theater for any screening. The movie theater’s employees and contractors are not counted towards the 25% occupancy limitation.**

The following are the minimum recommended health protocols for all movie theaters choosing to operate in Texas. Movie theaters may adopt additional protocols consistent with their specific needs and circumstances to help protect the health and safety of all employees, contractors, and customers.

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**Health protocols for serving your customers:**

- Movie theaters are encouraged to utilize remote ticketing options to help manage capacity limitations.
- Ensure proper spacing between patrons in the movie theater:
  - Keep at least two empty seats (or six feet separation) between parties in any row, except as follows:
    - Two or more members of the same household can sit adjacent to one another, with two seats (or six feet separation) empty on either side.
    - Two individuals who are not members of the same household but who are attending together can sit adjacent to one another, with two seats (or six feet separation) empty on either side.
  - Alternate rows between customers (every other row left empty).
  - Disinfect seats and frequently touched areas between screenings.
- For movie theaters providing food service to patrons:
  - Do not leave condiments, silverware, flatware, glassware, or other traditional table top items on an unoccupied table.



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- Provide condiments only upon request, and in single use (non-reusable) portions.
- Clean and disinfect the area used for dining (table, etc.) after each group of customers depart the theater.
- Use disposable menus (new for each patron).
- If the theater allows customers to write down their food orders inside the theater, provide take-home pencils and notepads that cannot be used by other customers.
- Have wait staff sanitize or wash hands between interactions with customers.
- Movie theaters with counter food service for patrons:
  - Provide condiments or flatware only in single use, individually-wrapped items, and provide condiments only upon request.
  - Have employees and contractors follow proper food-handling protocols.
  - Disinfect any items that come into contact with customers.
- Contactless payment is encouraged. Where not available, contact should be minimized.

### Health protocols for your theater employees and contractors:

- Train all employees and contractors on appropriate cleaning and disinfection, hand hygiene, and respiratory etiquette.
- Screen employees and contractors before coming into the movie theater:
  - Send home any employee or contractor who has any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:
 

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cough</li> <li>- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing</li> <li>- Chills</li> <li>- Repeated shaking with chills</li> <li>- Muscle pain</li> <li>- Headache</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sore throat</li> <li>- Loss of taste or smell</li> <li>- Diarrhea</li> <li>- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit</li> <li>- Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19</li> </ul>
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  - Do not allow employees or contractors with new or worsening signs or symptoms listed above to return to work until:
    - In the case of an employee or contractor who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to work when all three of the following criteria are met: at least 3 days (72



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hours) have passed *since recovery* (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications); and the individual has *improvement* in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and at least 10 days have passed *since symptoms first appeared*; or

- In the case of an employee or contractor who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and does not get evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, the individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to work until the individual has completed the same three-step criteria listed above; or
- If the employee or contractor has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to work before completing the above self-isolation period, the individual must obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis.

- Do not allow an employee or contractor with known close contact to a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 to return to work until the end of the 14 day self-quarantine period from the last date of exposure (with an exception granted for healthcare workers and critical infrastructure workers).
- Have employees and contractors wash or sanitize their hands upon entering the movie theater, and between interactions with customers.
- Have employees and contractors maintain at least 6 feet separation from other individuals. If such distancing is not feasible, other measures such as face covering, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, cleanliness, and sanitation should be rigorously practiced.
- If a movie theater provides a meal for employees and/or contractors, the movie theater is recommended to have the meal individually packed for each individual.
- Consistent with the actions taken by many businesses across the state, consider having all employees and contractors wear cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth). If available, employees and contractors should consider wearing non-medical grade face masks.

### Health protocols for your theater facilities:

- Regularly and frequently clean and disinfect any regularly touched surfaces, such as doorknobs, tables, chairs, and restrooms.
- Disinfect any items that come into contact with customers.
- Make hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, soap and water, or similar disinfectant readily available to employees, contractors, and customers.
- Place readily visible signage at the movie theater to remind everyone of best hygiene practices.
- Clean and disinfect the area used for dining (table, etc.) after each group of customers depart, including the disinfecting of tables, chairs, stalls, and countertops.
- For movie theaters with more than 10 employees and/or contractors present at one time, consider having an individual wholly or partially dedicated to ensuring the health protocols adopted by the movie theater are being successfully implemented and followed.



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Health protocols for theater customers:

- Maintain at least 6 feet separation from other individuals who are not attending the movie together. If such distancing is not feasible, other measures such as face covering, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, cleanliness, and sanitation should be rigorously practiced.
- Self-screen before going into a movie theater for any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:
 

<input type="checkbox"/> Cough	<input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat
<input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing	<input type="checkbox"/> Loss of taste or smell
<input type="checkbox"/> Chills	<input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea
<input type="checkbox"/> Repeated shaking with chills	<input type="checkbox"/> Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
<input type="checkbox"/> Muscle pain	<input type="checkbox"/> Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19
<input type="checkbox"/> Headache	
- Wash or disinfect hands upon entering a movie theater and after any interaction with employees, other customers, or items in the movie theater.
- Consistent with the actions taken by many individuals across the state, consider wearing cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth) when entering a movie theater, or when within 6 feet of another person who is not a member of the individual’s household. If available, individuals should consider wearing non-medical grade face masks.
- Individuals aged 65 or older are at a higher risk of COVID-19. To the extent possible, avoid contact within 6 feet with individuals aged 65 and older. Individuals aged 65 and older should stay at home as much as possible.**
- Wash or sanitize hands after the payment process.





☑ CHECKLIST FOR MUSEUMS AND LIBRARIES

**Museums and libraries may operate up to 25% of the total listed occupancy, and must close any components of the museum or library that have interactive functions or exhibits, including child play areas. Local public museums and libraries may operate only if permitted by the local government. Employees and contractors of the museum or library are not counted towards the 25% occupancy limitation**

The following are the minimum recommended health protocols for all museums and libraries choosing to operate in Texas. Museums and libraries may adopt additional protocols consistent with their specific needs and circumstances to help protect the health and safety of all employees, contractors, volunteers, and customers.

The virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to others by infected persons who have few or no symptoms. Even if an infected person is only mildly ill, the people they spread it to may become seriously ill or even die, especially if that person is 65 or older with pre-existing health conditions that place them at higher risk. Because of the hidden nature of this threat, everyone should rigorously follow the practices specified in these protocols, all of which facilitate a safe and measured reopening of Texas. The virus that causes COVID-19 is still circulating in our communities. We should continue to observe practices that protect everyone, including those who are most vulnerable.

Please note, public health guidance cannot anticipate every unique situation. Museums and libraries should stay informed and take actions based on common sense and wise judgment that will protect health and support economic revitalization. Museums and libraries should also be mindful of federal and state employment and disability laws, workplace safety standards, and accessibility standards to address the needs of both workers and customers.

**Health protocols for serving your customers:**

- Museums and libraries are encouraged to utilize remote ticketing options to help manage capacity limitations.
- For museums and libraries providing food service to visitors:
  - Do not leave condiments, silverware, flatware, glassware, or other traditional table top items on an unoccupied table.
  - Provide condiments only upon request, and in single use (non-reusable) portions.
  - Clean and disinfect the area used for dining (table, etc.) after each group of customers depart the museum/library.
  - Use disposable menus (new for each patron).
  - Have wait staff sanitize or wash hands between interactions with customers.
- Museums and libraries with counter food service for visitors:
  - Provide condiments or flatware only in single use, individually-wrapped items, and provide condiments only upon request.



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- Have employees, volunteers, and contractors follow proper food-handling protocols.
- Disinfect any items that come into contact with customers.
- Contactless payment is encouraged. Where not available, contact should be minimized.

Health protocols for your employees, contractors, and volunteers:

- Train all employees, contractors, and volunteers on appropriate cleaning and disinfection, hand hygiene, and respiratory etiquette.
- Screen employees, contractors, and volunteers before coming into the museum or library:
  - Send home any employee, contractor, or volunteer who has any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:
 

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cough</li> <li>- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing</li> <li>- Chills</li> <li>- Repeated shaking with chills</li> <li>- Muscle pain</li> <li>- Headache</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sore throat</li> <li>- Loss of taste or smell</li> <li>- Diarrhea</li> <li>- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit</li> <li>- Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19</li> </ul>
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- Do not allow employees, contractors, or volunteers with new or worsening signs or symptoms listed above to return to work until:
  - In the case of an employee, contractor, or volunteer who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to work when all three of the following criteria are met: at least 3 days (72 hours) have passed *since recovery* (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications); and the individual has *improvement* in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and at least 10 days have passed *since symptoms first appeared*; or
  - In the case of an employee, contractor, or volunteer who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and does not get evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, the individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to work until the individual has completed the same three-step criteria listed above; or
  - If the employee, contractor, or volunteer has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to work before completing the above self-isolation period, the individual must obtain a medical professional’s note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis.
- Do not allow an employee, contractor, or volunteer with known close contact to a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 to return to work until the end of the 14 day self-quarantine



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period from the last date of exposure (with an exception granted for healthcare workers and critical infrastructure workers).

- Have employees, contractors, and volunteers wash or sanitize their hands upon entering the museum or library, and between interactions with visitors.
- Have employees, contractors, and volunteers maintain at least 6 feet separation from other individuals. If such distancing is not feasible, measures such as face covering, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, cleanliness, and sanitation should be rigorously practiced
- If the museum or library provides a meal for employees, contractors, and/or volunteers, the museum or library is recommended to have the meal individually packed for each individual.
- Consistent with the actions taken by many businesses across the state, consider having all employees, contractors, and volunteers wear cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth). If available, employees, contractors, and volunteers should consider wearing non-medical grade face masks.

### Health protocols for your facilities:

- Block off items of the facility that are frequently touched, such as tabletops and countertops, to prevent the spreading of germs between parties.
- Regularly and frequently clean and disinfect any regularly touched surfaces, such as doorknobs, tables, chairs, handrails, and restrooms.
- Disinfect any items that come into contact with visitors.
- Make hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, soap and water, or similar disinfectant readily available to employees and visitors.
- Place readily visible signage at the facility to remind everyone of best hygiene practices.
- For facilities with more than 10 employees, contractors, and/or volunteers present at one time, consider having an individual wholly or partially dedicated to ensuring the health protocols adopted by the facility are being successfully implemented and followed.



☑ CHECKLIST FOR ALL MUSEUM AND LIBRARY VISITORS Page 1 of 1

The following are the minimum recommended health protocols for all museum and library visitors in Texas. These minimum health protocols are not a limit on the health protocols that individuals may adopt. Individuals are encouraged to adopt additional protocols consistent with their specific needs and circumstances to help protect the health and safety of all Texans.

The virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to others by infected persons who have few or no symptoms. Even if an infected person is only mildly ill, the people they spread it to may become seriously ill or even die, especially if that person is 65 or older with pre-existing health conditions that place them at higher risk. Because of the hidden nature of this threat, everyone should rigorously follow the practices specified in these protocols, all of which facilitate a safe and measured reopening of Texas. The virus that causes COVID-19 is still circulating in our communities. We should continue to observe practices that protect everyone, including those who are most vulnerable.

Please note, public health guidance cannot anticipate every unique situation. Individuals should stay informed and take actions based on common sense and wise judgment that will protect health and support economic revitalization.

Health protocols for museum and library visitors:

- ☐ Maintain at least 6 feet separation from other individuals not attending the museum or library together. If such distancing is not feasible, other measures such as face covering, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, cleanliness, and sanitation should be rigorously practiced.
☐ Self-screen before going into a museum or library for any of the following, new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:
☐ Cough ☐ Sore throat
☐ Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing ☐ Loss of taste or smell
☐ Chills ☐ Diarrhea
☐ Repeated shaking with chills ☐ Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit.
☐ Muscle pain ☐ Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19
☐ Headache
☐ Wash or disinfect hands upon entering a museum or library and after any interaction with employees, contractors, volunteers, other visitors, or items in the museum or library.
☐ Consistent with the actions taken by many individuals across the state, consider wearing cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth) when entering a museum or library, or when within 6 feet of another person who is not a member of the individual's household. If available, individuals should consider wearing non-medical grade face masks.
☐ Individuals aged 65 or older are at a higher risk of COVID-19. To the extent possible, avoid contact within 6 feet with individuals aged 65 and older. Individuals aged 65 and older should stay at home as much as possible.



✓ CHECKLIST FOR OUTDOOR SPORTS PARTICIPANTS Page 1 of 1

Individuals may engage in outdoor sports, provided that the sports do not include contact with other participants, and no more than four participants play the sport at any time.

The following are the minimum recommended health protocols for all individuals engaging in outdoor sports in Texas. These minimum health protocols are not a limit on the health protocols that individuals may adopt. Individuals are encouraged to adopt additional protocols consistent with their specific needs and circumstances to help protect the health and safety of all Texans.

The virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to others by infected persons who have few or no symptoms. Even if an infected person is only mildly ill, the people they spread it to may become seriously ill or even die, especially if that person is 65 or older with pre-existing health conditions that place them at higher risk. Because of the hidden nature of this threat, everyone should rigorously follow the practices specified in these protocols, all of which facilitate a safe and measured reopening of Texas. The virus that causes COVID-19 is still circulating in our communities. We should continue to observe practices that protect everyone, including those who are most vulnerable.

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Health protocols for outdoor sports participants:

✓ Self-screen before playing in an outdoor sport for any of the following, new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:

- ☐ Cough
☐ Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
☐ Chills
☐ Repeated shaking with chills
☐ Muscle pain
☐ Headache
☐ Sore throat
☐ Loss of taste or smell
☐ Diarrhea
☐ Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
☐ Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19

☐ Special consideration for golf courses:

- ☐ Clean and sanitize golf carts and push carts between uses.
☐ Except for members of the same household, no more than one individual per golf cart.
☐ Clean and disinfect driving range golf balls between use.
☐ Ensure separation of at least 6 feet between golfers on the driving range.

✓ Individuals aged 65 or older are at a higher risk of COVID-19. To the extent possible, avoid contact within 6 feet with individuals aged 65 and older. Individuals aged 65 and older should stay at home as much as possible.



☑ CHECKLIST FOR CHURCHES/PLACES OF WORSHIP

The Office of the Attorney General and the Office of the Governor have been providing joint guidance regarding the effect of executive orders on religious services conducted in churches, congregations, and places of worship. Below is adapted from the latest joint guidance. The same minimum standard health protocols would apply to funeral services, burials, and memorials.

The following are the minimum recommended health protocols for all churches, congregations, and places of worship in Texas. Churches, congregations, and places of worship may adopt additional protocols consistent with their specific needs and circumstances to help protect the health and safety of all Texans. The same minimum standard health protocols would apply to funeral services, burials, and memorials.

We know now that the virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to others by infected persons who have few or no symptoms. Even if an infected person is only mildly ill, the people they spread it to may become seriously ill or even die, especially if that person is 65 or older with pre-existing health conditions that place them at higher risk. Because of the hidden nature of this threat, everyone should rigorously follow the practices specified in these protocols, all of which facilitate a safe and measured reopening of Texas. The virus that causes COVID-19 is still circulating in our communities. We should continue to observe practices that protect everyone, including those who are most vulnerable.

Please note, public health guidance cannot anticipate every unique situation. Churches, congregations, and places of worship should stay informed and take actions based on common sense and wise judgment that will protect health and support economic revitalization. Churches, congregations, and places of worship should also be mindful of federal and state employment and disability laws, workplace safety standards, and accessibility standards to address the needs of both workers and customers.

Health protocols for serving your attendees:

- ☐ Strongly encourage the at-risk population<sup>2</sup> to watch or participate in the service remotely.
☐ Designate an area inside the facility reserved for the at-risk population, or offer a service for at-risk population attendees only.
☐ Ensure proper spacing between attendees:
☐ Keep at least two empty seats (or six feet separation) between parties in any row, except as follows:
- Two or more members of the same household can sit adjacent to one another, with two seats (or six feet separation) empty on either side.

2 At-risk population are those who are 65 or older, especially those with chronic lung disease; moderate to severe asthma; chronic heart disease; severe obesity; diabetes; chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis; liver disease; or weakened immune system



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- Two individuals who are not members of the same household but who are attending together can sit adjacent to one another, with two seats (or six feet separation) empty on either side.
- Alternate rows between attendees (every other row left empty).

### Health protocols for your employees and volunteers:

- Train all employees and volunteers on appropriate cleaning and disinfection, hand hygiene, and respiratory etiquette.
- Screen employees and volunteers before coming into the church, congregation, or place of worship:
  - Send home any employee or volunteer who has any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:

- Cough	- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing	- Loss of taste or smell
- Chills	- Diarrhea
- Repeated shaking with chills	- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
- Muscle pain	- Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19
- Headache	
  - Do not allow employees or volunteers with new or worsening signs or symptoms listed above to return to work until:
    - In the case of an employee or volunteer who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to work when all three of the following criteria are met: at least 3 days (72 hours) have passed *since recovery* (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications); and the individual has *improvement* in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and at least 10 days have passed *since symptoms first appeared*; or
    - In the case of an employee or volunteer who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and does not get evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, the individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to work until the individual has completed the same three-step criteria listed above; or
    - If the employee or volunteer has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to work before completing the above self-isolation period, the individual must obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis.



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- Do not allow an employee or volunteer with known close contact to a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 to return to work until the end of the 14 day self-quarantine period from the last date of exposure (with an exception granted for healthcare workers and critical infrastructure workers).
- Have employees or volunteers wash or sanitize their hands upon entering.
- Have employees or volunteers maintain at least 6 feet separation from other individuals. If such distancing is not feasible, then other measures including face covering, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, cleanliness, and sanitation should be rigorously practiced.
- Consistent with the actions taken by many churches, congregations, and places of worship across the state, consider having employees, volunteers, and attendees wear cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth). If available, they should consider wearing non-medical grade face masks.

### Health protocols for your facilities:

- Regularly and frequently clean and disinfect any regularly touched surfaces, such as doorknobs, tables, chairs, and restrooms.
- Disinfect seats between services.
- Disinfect any items that come into contact with attendees.
- Make hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, soap and water, or similar disinfectant readily available.
- Place readily visible signage to remind everyone of best hygiene practices.
- If a church or place of worship provides meals for employees, volunteers, or attendees, they are recommended to have the meals individually packed for each employee, volunteer, or attendee.
- Maintain rigorous sanitation practices like disinfection, handwashing, and cleanliness when preparing or serving anything edible.





☑ CHECKLIST FOR CHURCH/WORSHIP ATTENDEES

Below is adapted from the latest joint guidance provided by the Office of the Attorney General and the Office of the Governor for religious services conducted in churches, congregations, and places of worship. The same minimum standard health protocols would apply to funeral services, burials, and memorials.

The following are the minimum recommended health protocols for all individuals attending churches, congregations, and places of worship in Texas. These minimum health protocols are not a limit on the health protocols that individuals may adopt. Individuals are encouraged to adopt additional protocols consistent with their specific needs and circumstances to help protect the health and safety of all Texans.

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Health protocols for individuals:

- ☐ Maintain at least 6 feet separation from other individuals not within the same household. If such distancing is not feasible, other measures such as face covering, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, cleanliness, and sanitation should be rigorously practiced.
☐ Keep at least two empty seats (or six feet separation) between parties in any row, except as follows:
☐ Two or more members of the same household can sit adjacent to one another, with two seats (or six feet separation) empty on either side.
☐ Two individuals who are not members of the same household but who are attending together can sit adjacent to one another, with two seats (or six feet separation) empty on either side
☐ Self-screen before going into a church, congregation, or place of worship for any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:
☐ Cough
☐ Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
☐ Chills
☐ Repeated shaking with chills
☐ Muscle pain
☐ Headache
☐ Sore throat
☐ Loss of taste or smell
☐ Diarrhea
☐ Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
☐ Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19



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- Wash or disinfect hands upon entering a church, congregation, or place of worship and after any interaction with employees, volunteers, other customers, or items in the church, congregation, or place of worship.
- Consistent with the actions taken by many individuals across the state, consider wearing cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth) when entering a church, congregation, or place of worship, or when within 6 feet of another person who is not a member of the individual's household. If available, individuals should consider wearing non-medical grade face masks.
- Individuals aged 65 or older are at a higher risk of COVID-19. To the extent possible, avoid contact within 6 feet with individuals aged 65 and older. Individuals aged 65 and older should stay at home as much as possible.**



☑ CHECKLIST FOR SINGLE-PERSON OFFICES

Individuals working alone in an office may operate. On May 18, 2020, an expanded list of reopened services becomes effective. The expanded list will encompass employers operating offices with up to the greater of 5 individuals or 25% of the employer’s total workforce. On May 18, 2020, the expanded reopening will supersede this single-person office provision.

The following are the minimum recommended health protocols for all single-person offices. Employers may adopt additional protocols consistent with their specific needs and circumstances to help protect the health and safety of all employees and customers.

The virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to others by infected persons who have few or no symptoms. Even if an infected person is only mildly ill, the people they spread it to may become seriously ill or even die, especially if that person is 65 or older with pre-existing health conditions that place them at higher risk. Because of the hidden nature of this threat, everyone should rigorously follow the practices specified in these protocols, all of which facilitate a safe and measured reopening of Texas. The virus that causes COVID-19 is still circulating in our communities. We should continue to observe practices that protect everyone, including those who are most vulnerable.

Please note, public health guidance cannot anticipate every unique situation. Businesses should stay informed and take actions based on common sense and wise judgment that will protect health and support economic revitalization. Businesses should also be mindful of federal and state employment and disability laws, workplace safety standards, and accessibility standards to address the needs of both workers and customers.

Health protocols for single-person offices:

- ☐ Be trained on all appropriate cleaning and disinfection, hand hygiene, and respiratory etiquette.
☐ Self-screen before coming into the office:
☐ Do not go into the office with new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea
- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
- Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19
☐ Do not allow employees or contractors with new or worsening signs or symptoms listed above to return to work until:
- In the case of an individual who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to work when all three of the following criteria are met: at least 3 days (72 hours) have passed

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*since recovery* (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications); and the individual has *improvement* in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and at least 10 days have passed *since symptoms first appeared*; or

- In the case of an individual who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and does not get evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, the individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to work until the individual has completed the same three-step criteria listed above; or
- If the individual has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to work before completing the above self-isolation period, the individual must obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis.

- Do not allow an individual with known close contact to a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 to return to work until the end of the 14 day self-quarantine period from the last date of exposure (with an exception granted for healthcare workers and critical infrastructure workers).
- Wash or sanitize hands upon entering the business.
- Maintain at least 6 feet separation from other individuals. If such distancing is not feasible, other measures such as face covering, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, cleanliness, and sanitation should be rigorously practiced.
- Consistent with the actions taken by many businesses across the state, consider wearing a cloth face covering (over the nose and mouth) upon entering the premises and when using common areas, including elevators, restrooms, break rooms, or stairs. If available, you should consider wearing non-medical grade face masks.

### Health protocols for your facilities:

- Regularly and frequently clean and disinfect any regularly touched surfaces, such as doorknobs, tables, chairs, and restrooms.
- Disinfect any items that come into contact with customers.
- Make hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, soap and water, or similar disinfectant readily available to employees and customers.
- Place readily visible signage at the business to remind everyone of best hygiene practices.

**CHECKLIST FOR MANUFACTURERS**

**Effective May 18, 2020, non-essential manufacturing facilities may operate up to 25% of the facility’s total listed occupancy.**

*The following are the minimum recommended health protocols for all manufacturers choosing to operate in Texas. Manufacturers may adopt additional protocols consistent with their specific needs and circumstances to help protect the health and safety of all employees, contractors, and customers.*

*The virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to others by infected persons who have few or no symptoms. Even if an infected person is only mildly ill, the people they spread it to may become seriously ill or even die, especially if that person is 65 or older with pre-existing health conditions that place them at higher risk. Because of the hidden nature of this threat, everyone should rigorously follow the practices specified in these protocols, all of which facilitate a safe and measured reopening of Texas. The virus that causes COVID-19 is still circulating in our communities. We should continue to observe practices that protect everyone, including those who are most vulnerable.*

*Please note, public health guidance cannot anticipate every unique situation. Manufacturers should stay informed and take actions based on common sense and wise judgment that will protect health and support economic revitalization. Manufacturers should also be mindful of federal and state employment and disability laws, workplace safety standards, and accessibility standards to address the needs of both workers and customers.*

**Health protocols for your employees and contractors:**

- Train all employees and contractors on appropriate cleaning and disinfection, hand hygiene, and respiratory etiquette.
- Screen employees and contractors before coming into the manufacturing facility:
  - Send home any employee or contractor who has any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:
 

– Cough	– Sore throat
– Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing	– Loss of taste or smell
– Chills	– Diarrhea
– Repeated shaking with chills	– Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
– Muscle pain	– Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19
– Headache	
- Do not allow employees or contractors with new or worsening signs or symptoms listed above to return to work until:
  - In the case of an employee or contractor who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to work when all three of the following criteria are met: at least 3 days (72 hours) have passed *since recovery* (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications); and the individual has *improvement* in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and at least 10 days have passed *since symptoms first appeared*; or



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- In the case of an employee or contractor who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and does not get evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, the individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to work until the individual has completed the same three-step criteria listed above; or
- If the employee or contractor has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to work before completing the above self-isolation period, the individual must obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis.
- Do not allow an employee or contractor with known close contact to a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 to return to work until the end of the 14 day self-quarantine period from the last date of exposure (with an exception granted for healthcare workers and critical infrastructure workers).
- Have employees and contractors wash or sanitize their hands upon entering the manufacturing facility.
- Have employees and contractors maintain at least 6 feet separation from other individuals. If such distancing is not feasible, other measures such as face covering, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, cleanliness, and sanitation should be rigorously practiced.
- If a manufacturer provides a meal for employees and/or contractors, the manufacturer is recommended to have the meal individually packed for each individual.
- Stagger schedules for employees to minimize close contact:
  - Stagger break time schedules to minimize interactions between employees and/or contractors.
  - Stagger start and end times for employees and/or contractors in each shift.
- Consistent with the actions taken by many manufacturers across the state, consider having all employees and contractors wear cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth). If available, employees should consider wearing non-medical grade face masks.

### Health protocols for your facilities:

- Regularly and frequently clean and disinfect any regularly touched surfaces, such as doorknobs, tables, chairs, and restrooms.
- Disinfect any items that come into contact with customers.
- If 6 feet of separation is not available for employees and/or contractors in the manufacturing facility, consider the use of engineering controls, such as dividers between individuals, to minimize the chances of transmission of COVID-19
- Make hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, soap and water, or similar disinfectant readily available to employees, contractors, and customers.
- Place readily visible signage at the manufacturing facility to remind everyone of best hygiene practices.
- For manufacturing facilities with more than 10 employees and/or contractors present at one time, consider having an individual wholly or partially dedicated to ensuring the health protocols adopted by the manufacturing facility are being successfully implemented and followed.



☑ CHECKLIST FOR NAIL SALONS/SHOPS

Effective May 8, 2020, nail salons/shops may operate provided they can ensure at least 6 feet social distancing between operating work stations. Because of the proximity between individuals in these facilities, stringent compliance with these protocols is strongly recommended.

The following are the minimum recommended health protocols for nail salons/shops choosing to operate in Texas. Nail salons/shops may adopt additional protocols consistent with their specific needs and circumstances to help protect the health and safety of all employees, independent contractors, and customers.

The virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to others by infected persons who have few or no symptoms. Even if an infected person is only mildly ill, the people they spread it to may become seriously ill or even die, especially if that person is 65 or older with pre-existing health conditions that place them at higher risk. Because of the hidden nature of this threat, everyone should rigorously follow the practices specified in these protocols, all of which facilitate a safe and measured reopening of Texas. The virus that causes COVID-19 is still circulating in our communities. We should continue to observe practices that protect everyone, including those who are most vulnerable.

Please note, public health guidance cannot anticipate every unique situation. Nail salons/shops should stay informed and take actions based on common sense and wise judgment that will protect health and support economic revitalization. Nail salons/shops should also be mindful of federal and state employment and disability laws, workplace safety standards, and accessibility standards to address the needs of both workers and customers.

**Getting nail salon/shop, employees, and contractors ready to open:**

- Notify employees and contractors of all COVID-19 processes and procedures and require them to sign a statement acknowledging they understand and will adhere to the guidelines.
- Screen employees and contractors before coming into the nail salon:
  - Send home any employee or contractor who has any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:
 

– Cough	– Sore throat
– Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing	– Loss of taste or smell
– Chills	– Diarrhea
– Repeated shaking with chills	– Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
– Muscle pain	– Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19
– Headache	
  - Do not allow employees or contractors with new or worsening signs or symptoms listed above to return to work until:



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- In the case of an employee or contractor who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to work when all three of the following criteria are met: at least 3 days (72 hours) have passed *since recovery* (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications); and the individual has *improvement* in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and at least 10 days have passed *since symptoms first appeared*; or
  - In the case of an employee or contractor who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and does not get evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, the individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to work until the individual has completed the same three-step criteria listed above; or
  - If the employee or contractor has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to work before completing the above self-isolation period, the individual must obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis.
- Do not allow an employee or contractor with known close contact to a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 to return to work until the end of the 14 day self-quarantine period from the last date of exposure (with an exception granted for health care workers and critical infrastructure workers).
  - Consider implementing a similar policy for clients.
    - For temperature checks, the preferred method is a no-contact thermometer, such as a forehead thermometer, if possible.
    - Do not use a contact thermometer on multiple persons without disposable guards or disinfection between persons.
  - Provide resources and a work environment that promote personal hygiene. For example, provide tissues, hand soap, alcohol-based hand sanitizers containing at least 60 percent alcohol, disinfectants, and disposable towels for licensees to clean their work surfaces.
  - Disinfectants must come from this list: <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>
  - Provide a place to wash hands with both hot and cold water with hand soap, disposable towels, and a no-touch trash can.

### Before an appointment:

- Appointments should be scheduled to limit the amount of people in the salon/shop.
- Walk-in clients should wait either in their own cars or outside with at least six feet separation between individuals.
- Do not allow clients to bring extra people to the appointment, such as children.



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- Only schedule the number of clients that will allow for social distancing of at least six feet from others.
- A sign should be posted at the entrance to the salon/shop with a phone number that clients should call to schedule an appointment when they arrive outside the salon/shop.
- Only bring clients into the building when the licensee is ready for them, to eliminate anyone needing to spend any time in the lobby or waiting area.
- Remove all unnecessary items such as magazines from the lobby or waiting area.
- Contactless payment is encouraged. Where not available, contact should be minimized.
- Signs should be posted at each entrance and eye-level at stations notifying clients that people with symptoms of COVID-19 or who have recently been exposed to someone with symptoms must reschedule their appointment.
- Do not provide services to a client if you have reason to believe that they are sick or have a contagious condition.

### Once inside the nail salon/shop:

- Do not let clients touch/handle retail supplies, such as nail polish when selecting colors.
- Require all clients to wash their hands upon entering the salon/shop and before each treatment.
- Take measures to ensure that clients do not interact with each other in the salon/shop.
- Face masks or fabric face coverings should always be worn by employers, employees, contractors, and clients while inside the salon/shop, even if individuals are practicing social distancing

### Providing services:

- If gloves cannot be worn for a service, then hands must be washed with soap and water prior to providing services. Hands must be washed for a minimum of 20 seconds.
- If at any time an employee or contractor touches their face, nose, eyes, cell phone, door, credit card machine or any surface they have not sanitized, they must immediately change their gloves or rewash hands with soap and water.
- Use disposable supplies to keep from having to handle and disinfect multi-use supplies.
- Use disposable towels when possible and dispose of them after use.



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### Continue to service clients with the cleaning and sanitation you already practice:

- If gloves are worn, they must be removed and properly disposed of immediately upon completion of the service.
- All surfaces must be wiped down and sanitized between use including computers, landline phones, etc.
- Full sanitization of workstations, chairs, etc., must occur after each client. This includes a complete wipe down with disinfectant cleaners or wipes of all surfaces touched and products used.
- Multi-use equipment and tools must be cleaned and disinfected before use on each client.
- Single-use equipment and tools must be discarded after use on a single client.
- Electrical equipment that cannot be immersed in liquid shall be wiped clean and disinfected before use on each client.
- All clean and disinfected tools and materials shall be stored in a clean, dry, debris free environment when not in use.
- Clean and disinfected tools and materials must be stored separate from soiled tools and materials. Ultraviolet electrical sanitizers are acceptable for use as a dry storage container. Non-cosmetology or barbering related supplies must be stored in separate drawers or locations.
- Manicure tables shall be disinfected prior to use for each client.
- Floors shall be thoroughly cleaned each day.
- All trash containers must be emptied daily and kept clean by washing or using plastic liners.
- Non-disposable towels used during services must be immediately removed and placed in a disposable laundry receptacle (such as a bag that is discarded after use) at the conclusion of the service.
- If the salon/shop uses a laundry basket or reusable bag, it must be sanitized between uses and should never be used for clean towels/capes.
- Towels must be washed in hot water and chlorine bleach and only clean towels shall be used on clients.
- Clean towels should only be handled by someone who has cleaned their hands immediately before touching the towels or someone who has a fresh pair of gloves.
- All on-site laundry rooms or laundry storage rooms must be fully sanitized daily.

### Additional items:

- If an employee or contractor tests positive for COVID-19, immediately report that to the local health authority and provide notification to employees, contractors, and clients. The notification may be made via phone call, e-mail, or text. The notification to the local health authority and to employees, contractors, and clients must occur no later than 24 hours of receiving information of a positive test result.



☑ CHECKLIST FOR NAIL SALON CUSTOMERS

The following are the minimum recommended health protocols for all nail salon customers. These minimum health protocols are not a limit on the health protocols that individuals may adopt. Individuals are encouraged to adopt additional protocols consistent with their specific needs and circumstances to help protect the health and safety of all Texans.

The virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to others by infected persons who have few or no symptoms. Even if an infected person is only mildly ill, the people they spread it to may become seriously ill or even die, especially if that person is 65 or older with pre-existing health conditions that place them at higher risk. Because of the hidden nature of this threat, everyone should rigorously follow the practices specified in these protocols, all of which facilitate a safe and measured reopening of Texas. The virus that causes COVID-19 is still circulating in our communities. We should continue to observe practices that protect everyone, including those who are most vulnerable.

Please note, public health guidance cannot anticipate every unique situation. Individuals should stay informed and take actions based on common sense and wise judgment that will protect health and support economic revitalization.

Health protocols for customers:

- Consistent with the actions taken by many individuals across the state, and because of the close proximity between individuals inside nail salons, consider wearing cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth) except when it interferes with the service being provided. If available, individuals should consider wearing non-medical grade face masks. Wearing a mask is of utmost importance because of the close proximity between individuals in these settings.
- Maintain at least 6 feet separation from other individuals. If such distancing is not feasible, other measures such as face covering, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, cleanliness, and sanitation should be rigorously practiced.
- Self-screen before going into a nail salon for any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:
 

<input type="checkbox"/> Cough	<input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat
<input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing	<input type="checkbox"/> Loss of taste or smell
<input type="checkbox"/> Chills	<input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea
<input type="checkbox"/> Repeated shaking with chills	<input type="checkbox"/> Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
<input type="checkbox"/> Muscle pain	<input type="checkbox"/> Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19.
<input type="checkbox"/> Headache	
- Wash or disinfect hands upon entering a nail salon and after any interaction with employees, contractors, other customers, or items in the nail salon.
- Wash or sanitize hands after the payment process.
- Individuals aged 65 or older are at a higher risk of COVID-19. To the extent possible, avoid contact within 6 feet with individuals aged 65 and older. Individuals aged 65 and older should stay at home as much as possible.



☑ CHECKLIST FOR ALL OFFICE-BASED EMPLOYEES

The following are the minimum recommended health protocols for all office-based employees in Texas. These minimum health protocols are not a limit on the health protocols that individuals may adopt. Individuals are encouraged to adopt additional protocols consistent with their specific needs and circumstances to help protect the health and safety of all Texans.

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Health protocols for individuals:

- ☐ Maintain at least 6 feet separation from other individuals not within the same household. If such distancing is not feasible, other measures such as face covering, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, cleanliness, and sanitation should be rigorously practiced.
☐ Self-screen before going into an office for any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:
☐ Cough ☐ Sore throat
☐ Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing ☐ Loss of taste or smell
☐ Chills ☐ Diarrhea
☐ Repeated shaking with chills ☐ Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
☐ Muscle pain ☐ Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19
☐ Headache
☐ Wash or disinfect hands upon entering an office and after any interaction with employees, contractors, customers, or items in the office.
☐ Limit the use of standard-size elevators to four individuals at a time, each located at a different corner of the elevator, to avoid close contact. In elevators, masks should be worn. For individuals not wishing to ride an elevator, ensure stairways are available for use. As appropriate, individuals subject to the Americans with Disabilities Act may ride the elevator alone or accompanied by the individual's caregiver.
☐ Consistent with the actions taken by many individuals across the state, consider wearing a cloth face covering (over the nose and mouth) upon entering the premises and when using common areas, including elevators, restrooms, break rooms, or stairs, or when within 6 feet of another person who is not a member of the individual's household. If available, you should consider wearing non-medical grade face masks.



☑ CHECKLIST FOR OFFICE-BASED EMPLOYERS

Effective May 18, 2020, employers may operate their offices with up to the greater of 5 individuals or 25% of the total office workforce, provided the individuals maintain appropriate social distancing.

The following are the minimum recommended health protocols for all office work employers choosing to operate in Texas. Office work employers may adopt additional protocols consistent with their specific needs and circumstances to help protect the health and safety of all employees, contractors, and customers.

The virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to others by infected persons who have few or no symptoms. Even if an infected person is only mildly ill, the people they spread it to may become seriously ill or even die, especially if that person is 65 or older with pre-existing health conditions that place them at higher risk. Because of the hidden nature of this threat, everyone should rigorously follow the practices specified in these protocols, all of which facilitate a safe and measured reopening of Texas. The virus that causes COVID-19 is still circulating in our communities. We should continue to observe practices that protect everyone, including those who are most vulnerable.

Please note, public health guidance cannot anticipate every unique situation. Office work employers should stay informed and take actions based on common sense and wise judgment that will protect health and support economic revitalization. Employers should also be mindful of federal and state employment and disability laws, workplace safety standards, and accessibility standards to address the needs of both workers and customers.

Health protocols for your employees and contractors:

- Train all employees and contractors on appropriate cleaning and disinfection, hand hygiene, and respiratory etiquette.
- Screen employees and contractors before coming into the office:
  - Send home any employee or contractor who has any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:
 

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cough</li> <li>- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing</li> <li>- Chills</li> <li>- Repeated shaking with chills</li> <li>- Muscle pain</li> <li>- Headache</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sore throat</li> <li>- Loss of taste or smell</li> <li>- Diarrhea</li> <li>- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit</li> <li>- Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19</li> </ul>
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- Do not allow employees with new or worsening signs or symptoms listed above to return to work until:
  - In the case of an employee or contractor who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to work when all three of the following criteria are met: at least 3 days (72 hours) have passed *since recovery* (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications); and the individual has *improvement* in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and at least 10 days have passed *since symptoms first appeared*; or
  - In the case of an employee or contractor who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and does not get evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, the individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to work until the individual has completed the same three-step criteria listed above; or
  - If the employee or contractor has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to work before completing the above self-isolation period, the individual must obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis.
- Do not allow an employee or contractor with known close contact to a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 to return to work until the end of the 14 day self-quarantine period from the last date of exposure (with an exception granted for healthcare workers and critical infrastructure workers).
- Have employees and contractors wash or sanitize their hands upon entering the office.
- Have employees and contractors maintain at least 6 feet separation from other individuals. If such distancing is not feasible, other measures such as face covering, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, cleanliness, and sanitation should be rigorously practiced.
- Consider implementing a staggered workforce, such as alternating days or weeks for different groups of employees and/or contractors coming into the workplace.
- Continue to encourage individuals to work remotely if possible.
- If an employer provides a meal for employees and/or contractors, the employer is recommended to have the meal individually packed for each individual.
- Consistent with the actions taken by many employers across the state, consider having all employees and contractors wear cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth). If available, employees should consider wearing non-medical grade face masks.

### Health protocols for your facilities:

- Regularly and frequently clean and disinfect any regularly touched surfaces, such as doorknobs, tables, chairs, and restrooms.

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- Limit the use of standard-size elevators to four individuals at a time, each located at a different corner of the elevator to avoid close contact. Masks should be worn in elevators. Utilize touchpoint cleaning and nanoseptic button covers if appropriate. For individuals not wishing to ride an elevator, ensure stairways are available for use. As appropriate, individuals subject to the Americans with Disabilities Act may ride the elevator alone or accompanied by the individual's caregiver.
- Disinfect any items that come into contact with customers.
- Make hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, soap and water, or similar disinfectant readily available to employees, contractors, and customers.
- Place readily visible signage at the office to remind everyone of best hygiene practices.
- For offices with more than 10 employees and/or contractors present at one time, consider having an individual wholly or partially dedicated to ensuring the health protocols adopted by the office are being successfully implemented and followed.

**CHECKLIST FOR PARKS/BEACHES/BODIES OF WATER Page 1 of 2**

***While parks, beaches, rivers, and lakes may be open, effective May 8, 2020, indoor swimming pools may operate up to 25% of the total listed occupancy of the swimming pool facility and outdoor swimming pools may operate up to 25% of the normal operating limits as determined by the swimming pool operator. Local public swimming pools may so operate only if permitted by the local government. People shall continue to avoid visiting interactive amusement venues, such as water parks and splash pads.***

*The following are the minimum recommended health protocols for all individuals visiting parks and engaging in water activities, such as visiting beaches, rivers, and lakes. These minimum health protocols are not a limit on the health protocols that individuals may adopt. Individuals are encouraged to adopt additional protocols consistent with their specific needs and circumstances to help protect the health and safety of all Texans.*

*The virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to others by infected persons who have few or no symptoms. Even if an infected person is only mildly ill, the people they spread it to may become seriously ill or even die, especially if that person is 65 or older with pre-existing health conditions that place them at higher risk. Because of the hidden nature of this threat, everyone should rigorously follow the practices specified in these protocols, all of which facilitate a safe and measured reopening of Texas. The virus that causes COVID-19 is still circulating in our communities. We should continue to observe practices that protect everyone, including those who are most vulnerable.*

*Please note, public health guidance cannot anticipate every unique situation. Individuals should stay informed and take actions based on common sense and wise judgment that will protect health and support economic revitalization.*

**Health protocols for individuals:**

- Maintain at least 6 feet separation from others not within the individual’s group at the park, beach, river, or lake. The individual’s group may not exceed the greater of the individual’s household or up to 5 individuals who go to the park, beach, river, or lake together. If such distancing is not feasible, other measures such as face covering, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, cleanliness, and sanitation should be rigorously practiced.
- Self-screen before going to a park, beach, or other public open space for any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:
 

<input type="checkbox"/> Cough	<input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat
<input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing	<input type="checkbox"/> Loss of taste or smell
<input type="checkbox"/> Chills	<input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea
<input type="checkbox"/> Repeated shaking with chills	<input type="checkbox"/> Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
<input type="checkbox"/> Muscle pain	<input type="checkbox"/> Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19
<input type="checkbox"/> Headache	
- Wash or disinfect hands after any interaction with employees, other customers, or items in the park, beach, river, or lake.
- Consistent with the actions taken by many individuals across the state, consider wearing cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth) at a park, beach, river, or lake when within 6 feet of another person who is not a member of the individual’s group. The individual’s group may not exceed the greater of the individual’s household or up to 5 individuals who arrived at the park, beach, river, or lake together. If





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available, individuals should consider wearing non-medical grade face masks. Face coverings may not be feasible while in the water.

- Clean and sanitize recreational water equipment before and after use.
- Special consideration for river rafting and similar activities:**
  - Any vehicle used to transport individuals between places along the river must be cleaned and disinfected between uses.
  - If such a vehicle is a bus, alternate rows should be used.
  - Individuals should not sit within 6 feet of any other person not with the individual's group.
  - Individuals should sanitize hands before getting onto such a vehicle.
  - Face coverings are strongly recommended while on the vehicle.
- Individuals aged 65 or older are at a higher risk of COVID-19. To the extent possible, avoid contact within 6 feet with individuals aged 65 and older. Individuals aged 65 and older should stay at home as much as possible.**



☑ CHECKLIST FOR TANNING SALONS

Effective May 8, 2020, tanning salons may operate provided they can ensure at least 6 feet social distancing between operating work stations. Because of the proximity between individuals in these facilities, stringent compliance with these protocols is strongly recommended.

The following are the minimum recommended health protocols for tanning salons choosing to operate in Texas. Tanning salons may adopt additional protocols consistent with their specific needs and circumstances to help protect the health and safety of all employees, independent contractors, and customers.

The virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to others by infected persons who have few or no symptoms. Even if an infected person is only mildly ill, the people they spread it to may become seriously ill or even die, especially if that person is 65 or older with pre-existing health conditions that place them at higher risk. Because of the hidden nature of this threat, everyone should rigorously follow the practices specified in these protocols, all of which facilitate a safe and measured reopening of Texas. The virus that causes COVID-19 is still circulating in our communities. We should continue to observe practices that protect everyone, including those who are most vulnerable.

Please note, public health guidance cannot anticipate every unique situation. Tanning salons should stay informed and take actions based on common sense and wise judgment that will protect health and support economic revitalization. Tanning salons should also be mindful of federal and state employment and disability laws, workplace safety standards, and accessibility standards to address the needs of both workers and customers.

Getting tanning salon, employees, and contractors ready to open:

- ☐ Notify staff of all COVID-19 processes and procedures and require them to sign a statement acknowledging they understand and will adhere to the guidelines.
☐ Screen employees and contractors before coming into the nail salon:
☐ Send home any employee or contractor who has any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea
- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
- Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19
☐ Do not allow employees or contractors with new or worsening signs or symptoms listed above to return to work until:
- In the case of an employee or contractor who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to work when all three of the following criteria are met: at least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing

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medications); and the individual has *improvement* in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and at least 10 days have passed *since symptoms first appeared*; or

- In the case of an employee or contractor who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and does not get evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, the individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to work until the individual has completed the same three-step criteria listed above; or
  - If the employee or contractor has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to work before completing the above self-isolation period, the individual must obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis.
- Do not allow an employee or contractor with known close contact to a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 to return to work until the end of the 14 day self-quarantine period from the last date of exposure (with an exception granted for health care workers and critical infrastructure workers).
- Consider implementing a similar policy for clients.
- For temperature checks, the preferred method is a no-contact thermometer, such as a forehead thermometer, if possible.
- Do not use a contact thermometer on multiple persons without disposable guards or disinfection between persons.
- Provide resources and a work environment that promote personal hygiene. For example, provide tissues, hand soap, alcohol-based hand sanitizers containing at least 60 percent alcohol, disinfectants, and disposable towels for licensees to clean their work surfaces.
- Disinfectants must come from this list: <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>
- Provide a place to wash hands with both hot and cold water with hand soap, disposable towels, and a no-touch trash can.

### Before an appointment:

- Appointments should be scheduled to limit the amount of people in the salon.
- Walk-in clients should wait either in their own cars or outside with at least six feet separation between individuals.
- Do not allow clients to bring extra people to the appointment, such as children.
- Only schedule the number of clients that will allow for social distancing of at least six feet from others.

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- A sign should be posted at the entrance to the salon with a phone number that clients should call to schedule an appointment when they arrive outside the salon.
- Only bring clients into the building when the licensee is ready for them, to eliminate anyone needing to spend any time in the lobby or waiting area.
- Remove all unnecessary items such as magazines from the lobby or waiting area.
- Contactless payment is encouraged. Where not available, contact should be minimized.
- Signs should be posted at each entrance and eye-level at stations notifying clients that people with symptoms of COVID-19 or who have recently been exposed to someone with symptoms must reschedule their appointment.
- Do not provide services to a client if you have reason to believe that they are sick or have a contagious condition.
- If possible, provide face coverings for clients or ask them to wear one if services can be provided with it on.

### Once inside the tanning salon:

- Do not let clients touch/handle retail supplies.
- Require all clients to wash their hands upon entering the salon and before each treatment.
- Take measures to ensure that clients do not interact with each other in the salon.
- Face masks or fabric face coverings should always be worn by employers, employees, contractors, and clients while inside the salon/shop, even if individuals are practicing social distancing.
- Clients receiving services for which a mask may not be worn should wear a mask or face covering before and after they receive the service.

### Providing services:

- If gloves cannot be worn for a service, then hands must be washed with soap and water prior to providing services. Hands must be washed for a minimum of 20 seconds.
- If at any time an employee or contractor touches their face, nose, eyes, cell phone, door, credit card machine or any surface they have not sanitized, they must immediately change their gloves or rewash hands with soap and water.
- Use disposable supplies to keep from having to handle and disinfect multi-use supplies.
- Use disposable towels when possible and dispose of them after use.

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### Continue to service clients with the cleaning and sanitation you already practice:

- If gloves are worn, they must be removed and properly disposed of immediately upon completion of the service.
- All surfaces must be wiped down and sanitized between use including computers, landline phones, etc.
- Full sanitization of workstations, chairs, etc., must occur after each client. This includes a complete wipe down with disinfectant cleaners or wipes of all surfaces touched and products used.
- Multi-use equipment and tools must be cleaned and disinfected before use on each client.
- Single-use equipment and tools must be discarded after use on a single client.
- Electrical equipment that cannot be immersed in liquid shall be wiped clean and disinfected before use on each client.
- All clean and disinfected tools and materials shall be stored in a clean, dry, debris free environment when not in use.
- Clean and disinfected tools and materials must be stored separate from soiled tools and materials. Ultraviolet electrical sanitizers are acceptable for use as a dry storage container. Non-tanning related supplies must be stored in separate drawers or locations.
- Floors shall be thoroughly cleaned each day.
- All trash containers must be emptied daily and kept clean by washing or using plastic liners.
- Non-disposable towels used during services must be immediately removed and placed in a disposable laundry receptacle (such as a bag that is discarded after use) at the conclusion of the service.
- If the salon uses a laundry basket or reusable bag, it must be sanitized between uses and should never be used for clean towels.
- Towels must be washed in hot water and chlorine bleach and only clean towels shall be used on clients.
- Clean towels should only be handled by someone who has cleaned their hands immediately before touching the towels or someone who has a fresh pair of gloves.
- All on-site laundry rooms or laundry storage rooms must be fully sanitized daily.

### Additional items:

- If an employee or contractor tests positive for COVID-19, immediately report that to the local health authority and provide notification to employees, contractors, and clients. The notification may be made via phone call, e-mail, or text. The notification to the local health authority and to employees, contractors, and clients must occur no later than 24 hours of receiving information of a positive test result.

**CHECKLIST FOR TANNING SALON CUSTOMERS**

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**Health protocols for customers:**

- Consistent with the actions taken by many individuals across the state, and because of the close proximity between individuals inside tanning salons, consider wearing cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth) except when it interferes with the service being provided. If available, individuals should consider wearing non-medical grade face masks. Wearing a mask is of utmost importance because of the close proximity between individuals in these settings.
- Maintain at least 6 feet separation from other individuals. If such distancing is not feasible, other measures such as face covering, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, cleanliness, and sanitation should be rigorously practiced.
- Self-screen before going into a tanning salon for any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:
 

<input type="checkbox"/> Cough	<input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat
<input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing	<input type="checkbox"/> Loss of taste or smell
<input type="checkbox"/> Chills	<input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea
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<input type="checkbox"/> Muscle pain	<input type="checkbox"/> Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19
<input type="checkbox"/> Headache	
- Wash or disinfect hands upon entering a tanning salon and after any interaction with employees, contractors, other customers, or items in the tanning salon.
- Wash or sanitize hands after the payment process.
- Individuals aged 65 or older are at a higher risk of COVID-19. To the extent possible, avoid contact within 6 feet with individuals aged 65 and older. Individuals aged 65 and older should stay at home as much as possible.



☑ CHECKLIST FOR WEDDING RECEPTION VENUES

A wedding reception held in a restaurant should follow the restaurant protocols. Wedding reception services held at other indoor locations are limited to 25% of the facility's total listed occupancy. Wedding receptions held outside are strongly recommended and are not subject to an occupancy limit. Employees and contractors of the wedding reception venue are not counted towards the 25% occupancy limitation

The following are the minimum recommended health protocols for all wedding reception venues choosing to operate in Texas. Those venues may adopt additional protocols consistent with their specific needs and circumstances to help protect the health and safety of all employees, contractors, and attendees.

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Please note, public health guidance cannot anticipate every unique situation. Wedding reception venues should stay informed and take actions based on common sense and wise judgment that will protect health and support economic revitalization. Those venues should also be mindful of federal and state employment and disability laws, workplace safety standards, and accessibility standards to address the needs of both workers and customers.

Health protocols for serving your attendees:

- ☐ Parties maintain at least 6 feet distance apart from other parties at all times, including while waiting to be seated at the reception.
☐ Make a hand sanitizing station available upon entry to the reception.
☐ No tables of more than 6 people.
☐ Dining:
☐ Do not leave condiments, silverware, flatware, glassware, or other traditional table top items on an unoccupied table
☐ Provide condiments only upon request, and in single use (non-reusable) portions.
☐ Use disposable menus (new for each patron)
☐ If a buffet is offered, venue employees and/or contractors serve the food to attendees.



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### Health protocols for your employees and contractors:

- Train all employees and contractors on appropriate cleaning and disinfection, hand hygiene, and respiratory etiquette.
  - Screen employees and contractors before coming into the venue:
    - Send home any employee or contractor who has any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:
      - Cough
      - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
      - Chills
      - Repeated shaking with chills
      - Muscle pain
      - Headache
      - Sore throat
      - Loss of taste or smell
      - Diarrhea
      - Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
      - Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19
  - Do not allow employees or contractors with new or worsening signs or symptoms listed above to return to work until:
    - In the case of an employee or contractor who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to work when all three of the following criteria are met: at least 3 days (72 hours) have passed *since recovery* (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications); and the individual has *improvement* in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and at least 10 days have passed *since symptoms first appeared*; or
    - In the case of an employee or contractor who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and does not get evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, the individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to work until the individual has completed the same three-step criteria listed above; or
    - If the employee or contractor has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to work before completing the above self-isolation period, the individual must obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis.
  - Do not allow an employee or contractor with known close contact to a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 to return to work until the end of the 14 day self-quarantine period from the last date of exposure (with an exception granted for healthcare workers and critical infrastructure workers).
- Have employees and contractors wash or sanitize their hands upon entering the venue, and between interactions with attendees.



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- Have employees and contractors maintain at least 6 feet separation from other individuals. If such distancing is not feasible, measures such as face covering, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, cleanliness, and sanitation should be rigorously practiced
- Consistent with the actions taken by many businesses across the state, consider having all employees and contractors wear cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth). If available, employees should consider wearing non-medical grade face masks.

### Health protocols for your facilities:

- Consider having an employee or contractor manage and control access to the venue, including opening doors to prevent attendees from touching door handles.
- Regularly and frequently clean and disinfect any regularly touched surfaces, such as doorknobs, tables, and chairs.
- Regularly and frequently clean restrooms, and document the cleanings.
- Disinfect any items that come into contact with attendees.
- Make hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, soap and water, or similar disinfectant readily available to employees, contractors, and attendees.
- Place readily visible signage at the venue to remind everyone of best hygiene practices.
- Clean and disinfect the area used for dining (table, etc.) after each group of attendees depart, including the disinfecting of tables, chairs, stalls, and countertops.
- Clean and sanitize the venue daily.
- For venues with more than 10 employees or contractors present at one time, consider having an individual wholly or partially dedicated to ensuring the health protocols adopted by the venue are being successfully implemented and followed.



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The following are the minimum recommended health protocols for all wedding reception attendees in Texas. These minimum health protocols are not a limit on the health protocols that individuals may adopt. Individuals are encouraged to adopt additional protocols consistent with their specific needs and circumstances to help protect the health and safety of all Texans.

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Health protocols for wedding reception attendees:

- Maintain at least 6 feet separation from other individuals not within the same party. If such distancing is not feasible, other measures such as face covering when not sitting at the table, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, cleanliness, and sanitation should be rigorously practiced.
Self-screen before going into the reception for any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:
Cough, Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, Chills, Repeated shaking with chills, Muscle pain, Headache, Sore throat, Loss of taste or smell, Diarrhea, Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit, Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19
Wash or disinfect hands upon entering a reception and after any interaction with employees, other attendees, or items in the venue.
No tables of more than 6 people.
Consistent with the actions taken by many individuals across the state, consider wearing cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth) when not at the table, or when within 6 feet of another person who is not a member of the individual's household. If available, individuals should consider wearing non-medical grade face masks.
Individuals aged 65 or older are at a higher risk of COVID-19. To the extent possible, avoid contact within 6 feet with individuals aged 65 and older. Individuals aged 65 and older should stay at home as much as possible.

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**Wedding venues and the services required to conduct weddings may operate. Outdoor venues should be used when possible. Weddings held inside a facility other than a church are limited to 25% of the total listed occupancy of the facility. Employees and contractors of the wedding venue are not counted towards the 25% occupancy limitation**

The following are the minimum recommended health protocols for weddings in Texas. Wedding venues may adopt additional protocols consistent with their specific needs and circumstances to help protect the health and safety of all Texans.

*We know now that the virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to others by infected persons who have few or no symptoms. Even if an infected person is only mildly ill, the people they spread it to may become seriously ill or even die, especially if that person is 65 or older with pre-existing health conditions that place them at higher risk. Because of the hidden nature of this threat, everyone should rigorously follow the practices specified in these protocols, all of which facilitate a safe and measured reopening of Texas. The virus that causes COVID-19 is still circulating in our communities. We should continue to observe practices that protect everyone, including those who are most vulnerable.*

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### Health protocols for serving your attendees:

- Strongly encourage the at-risk population<sup>3</sup> to watch or participate in the service remotely.
- Designate an area inside the venue reserved for the at-risk population.
- Ensure proper spacing between attendees:
  - Keep at least two empty seats (or six feet separation) between parties in any row, except as follows:
    - Two or more members of the same household can sit adjacent to one another, with two seats (or six feet separation) empty on either side.
    - Two individuals who are not members of the same household but who are attending together can sit adjacent to one another, with two seats (or six feet separation) empty on either side.
  - Alternate rows between attendees (every other row left empty).

<sup>3</sup> At-risk population are those who are 65 or older, especially those with chronic lung disease; moderate to severe asthma; chronic heart disease; severe obesity; diabetes; chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis; liver disease; or weakened immune system



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### Health protocols for your employees, contractors, and volunteers:

- Train all employees, contractors, and volunteers on appropriate cleaning and disinfection, hand hygiene, and respiratory etiquette.
- Screen employees, contractors, and volunteers before coming into the church, congregation, or place of worship:
  - Send home any employee, contractor, or volunteer who has any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:
    - Cough
    - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
    - Chills
    - Repeated shaking with chills
    - Muscle pain
    - Headache
    - Sore throat
    - Loss of taste or smell
    - Diarrhea
    - Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
    - Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19
- Do not allow employees, contractors, or volunteers with new or worsening signs or symptoms listed above to return to work until:
  - In the case of an employee, contractor, or volunteer who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to work when all three of the following criteria are met: at least 3 days (72 hours) have passed *since recovery* (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications); and the individual has *improvement* in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and at least 10 days have passed *since symptoms first appeared*; or
  - In the case of an employee, contractor, or volunteer who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and does not get evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, the individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to work until the individual has completed the same three-step criteria listed above; or
  - If the employee, contractor, or volunteer has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to work before completing the above self-isolation period, the individual must obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis.
- Do not allow an employee, contractor, or volunteer with known close contact to a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 to return to work until the end of the 14 day self-quarantine period from the last date of exposure (with an exception granted for healthcare workers and critical infrastructure workers).
- Have employees, contractors, and volunteers wash or sanitize their hands upon entering.

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- Have employees, contractors, and volunteers maintain at least 6 feet separation from other individuals. If such distancing is not feasible, then other measures including face covering, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, cleanliness, and sanitation should be rigorously practiced.
- Consistent with the actions taken by many businesses across the state, consider having employees, contractors, and attendees wear cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth). If available, they should consider wearing non-medical grade face masks.

### Health protocols for your facilities:

- Regularly and frequently clean and disinfect any regularly touched surfaces, such as doorknobs, tables, chairs, and restrooms.
- Disinfect seats before and after services.
- Disinfect any items that come into contact with attendees.
- Make hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, soap and water, or similar disinfectant readily available.
- Place readily visible signage to remind everyone of best hygiene practices.
- For wedding venues with more than 10 employees and/or contractors present at one time, consider having an individual wholly or partially dedicated to ensuring the health protocols adopted by the venue are being successfully implemented and followed.

**CHECKLIST FOR WEDDING ATTENDEES**

The following are the minimum recommended health protocols for all individuals attending weddings in Texas. These minimum health protocols are not a limit on the health protocols that individuals may adopt. Individuals are encouraged to adopt additional protocols consistent with their specific needs and circumstances to help protect the health and safety of all Texans.

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**Health protocols for individuals:**

- Maintain at least 6 feet separation from other individuals not within the same household. If such distancing is not feasible, other measures such as face covering, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, cleanliness, and sanitation should be rigorously practiced.
- Keep at least two empty seats (or six feet separation) between parties in any row, except as follows:
  - Two or more members of the same household can sit adjacent to one another, with two seats (or six feet separation) empty on either side.
  - Two individuals who are not members of the same household but who are attending together can sit adjacent to one another, with two seats (or six feet separation) empty on either side.
- Self-screen before going into a business for any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:
 

<input type="checkbox"/> Cough	<input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat
<input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing	<input type="checkbox"/> Loss of taste or smell
<input type="checkbox"/> Chills	<input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea
<input type="checkbox"/> Repeated shaking with chills	<input type="checkbox"/> Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
<input type="checkbox"/> Muscle pain	<input type="checkbox"/> Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19
<input type="checkbox"/> Headache	
- Wash or disinfect hands upon entering the wedding venue and after any interaction with employees, other customers, or items in the venue.
- Consistent with the actions taken by many individuals across the state, consider wearing cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth) when entering the wedding venue, or when within 6 feet of another person who is not a member of the individual's household. If available, individuals should consider wearing non-medical grade face masks.
- Individuals aged 65 or older are at a higher risk of COVID-19. To the extent possible, avoid contact within 6 feet with individuals aged 65 and older. Individuals aged 65 and older should stay at home as much as possible.**



☑ CHECKLIST FOR BARBER SHOPS

Effective May 8, 2020, barber shops may operate provided they can ensure at least 6 feet social distancing between operating work stations. Because of the proximity between individuals in these facilities, stringent compliance with these protocols is strongly recommended.

The following are the minimum recommended health protocols for barber shops choosing to operate in Texas. Barber shops may adopt additional protocols consistent with their specific needs and circumstances to help protect the health and safety of all employees, independent contractors, and customers.

The virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to others by infected persons who have few or no symptoms. Even if an infected person is only mildly ill, the people they spread it to may become seriously ill or even die, especially if that person is 65 or older with pre-existing health conditions that place them at higher risk. Because of the hidden nature of this threat, everyone should rigorously follow the practices specified in these protocols, all of which facilitate a safe and measured reopening of Texas. The virus that causes COVID-19 is still circulating in our communities. We should continue to observe practices that protect everyone, including those who are most vulnerable.

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Getting barber shop, employees, and contractors ready to open:

- ☐ Start by first offering less complex and time-consuming services such as haircutting and shaving services.
☐ Notify employees and contractors of all COVID-19 processes and procedures and require them to sign a statement acknowledging they understand and will adhere to the guidelines.
☐ Screen employees and contractors before coming into the barber shop:
☐ Send home any employee or contractor who has any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea
- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
- Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19
☐ Do not allow employees or contractors with new or worsening signs or symptoms listed above to return to work until:



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- In the case of an employee or contractor who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to work when all three of the following criteria are met: at least 3 days (72 hours) have passed *since recovery* (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications); and the individual has *improvement* in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and at least 10 days have passed *since symptoms first appeared*; or
  - In the case of an employee or contractor who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and does not get evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, the individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to work until the individual has completed the same three-step criteria listed above; or
  - If the employee or contractor has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to work before completing the above self-isolation period, the individual must obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis.
- Do not allow an employee or contractor with known close contact to a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 to return to work until the end of the 14 day self-quarantine period from the last date of exposure (with an exception granted for health care workers and critical infrastructure workers).
  - Consider implementing a similar policy for clients.
    - For temperature checks, the preferred method is a no-contact thermometer, such as a forehead thermometer, if possible.
    - Do not use a contact thermometer on multiple persons without disposable guards or disinfection between persons.
  - Provide resources and a work environment that promote personal hygiene. For example, provide tissues, hand soap, alcohol-based hand sanitizers containing at least 60 percent alcohol, disinfectants, and disposable towels for licensees to clean their work surfaces.
  - Disinfectants must come from this list: <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>
  - Provide a place to wash hands with both hot and cold water with hand soap, disposable towels, and a no-touch trash can.

### Before an appointment:

- Appointments should be scheduled to limit the amount of people in the shop.
- Walk-in clients should wait either in their own cars or outside with at least six feet separation between individuals.
- Do not allow clients to bring extra people to the appointment, such as children.





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- Only schedule the number of clients that will allow for social distancing of at least six feet from others.
- A sign should be posted at the entrance to the shop with a phone number that clients should call to schedule an appointment when they arrive outside the shop.
- Only bring clients into the building when the licensee is ready for them, to eliminate anyone needing to spend any time in the lobby or waiting area.
- Remove all unnecessary items such as magazines from the lobby or waiting area.
- Contactless payment is encouraged. Where not available, contact should be minimized.
- Signs should be posted at each entrance and eye-level at stations notifying clients that people with symptoms of COVID-19 or who have recently been exposed to someone with symptoms must reschedule their appointment.
- Do not provide services to a client if you have reason to believe that they are sick or have a contagious condition.
- If possible, provide face coverings for clients or ask them to wear one if services can be provided with it on.

### Once inside the barber shop:

- Do not let clients touch/handle retail supplies.
- Require all clients to wash their hands upon entering the shop and before each treatment.
- Take measures to ensure that clients do not interact with each other in the shop.
- Face masks or fabric face coverings should always be worn by employers, employees, contractors, and clients while inside the salon/shop, even if individuals are practicing social distancing.
- Clients receiving services for which a mask may not be worn (shaving) should wear a mask or face covering before and after they receive the service.

### Providing services:

- If gloves cannot be worn for a service, then hands must be washed with soap and water prior to providing services. Hands must be washed for a minimum of 20 seconds.
- If at any time an employee or contractor touches their face, nose, eyes, cell phone, door, credit card machine or any surface they have not sanitized, they must immediately change their gloves or rewash hands with soap and water.
- Use disposable supplies to keep from having to handle and disinfect multi-use supplies.
- Use disposable towels when possible and dispose of them after use.



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### Continue to service clients with the cleaning and sanitation you already practice:

- If gloves are worn, they must be removed and properly disposed of immediately upon completion of the service.
- All surfaces must be wiped down and sanitized between use including computers, landline phones, etc.
- Full sanitization of workstations, shampoo bowls, chairs, etc., must occur after each client. This includes a complete wipe down with disinfectant cleaners or wipes of all surfaces touched and products used.
- Multi-use equipment and tools must be cleaned and disinfected before use on each client.
- Single-use equipment and tools must be discarded after use on a single client.
- Electrical equipment that cannot be immersed in liquid shall be wiped clean and disinfected before use on each client.
- All clean and disinfected tools and materials shall be stored in a clean, dry, debris free environment when not in use.
- Clean and disinfected tools and materials must be stored separate from soiled tools and materials. Ultraviolet electrical sanitizers are acceptable for use as a dry storage container. Non-barber related supplies must be stored in separate drawers or locations.
- Shampoo bowls and manicure tables shall be disinfected prior to use for each client.
- Floors shall be thoroughly cleaned each day. Hair cuttings must be swept up and deposited in a closed receptacle. Cosmetologists need to sweep up after each haircut.
- All trash containers must be emptied daily and kept clean by washing or using plastic liners.
- Non-disposable towels used during services must be immediately removed and placed in a disposable laundry receptacle (such as a bag that is discarded after use) at the conclusion of the service.
- If the salon uses a laundry basket or reusable bag, it must be sanitized between uses and should never be used for clean towels/capes.
- Towels must be washed in hot water and chlorine bleach and only clean towels shall be used on clients.
- Clean towels should only be handled by someone who has cleaned their hands immediately before touching the towels or someone who has a fresh pair of gloves.
- All on-site laundry rooms or laundry storage rooms must be fully sanitized daily.

### Additional items:

- If an employee or contractor tests positive for COVID-19, immediately report that to the local health authority and provide notification to employees, contractors, and clients. The notification may be made via phone call, e-mail, or text. The notification to the local health authority and to employees, contractors, and clients must occur no later than 24 hours of receiving information of a positive test result.



☑ CHECKLIST FOR BARBER SHOP CUSTOMERS

The following are the minimum recommended health protocols for all barber shop customers. These minimum health protocols are not a limit on the health protocols that individuals may adopt. Individuals are encouraged to adopt additional protocols consistent with their specific needs and circumstances to help protect the health and safety of all Texans.

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Health protocols for customers:

- ☐ Consistent with the actions taken by many individuals across the state, and because of the close proximity between individuals inside barber shops, consider wearing cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth) except when it interferes with the service being provided. If available, individuals should consider wearing non-medical grade face masks. Wearing a mask is of utmost importance because of the close proximity between individuals in these settings.
☐ Maintain at least 6 feet separation from other individuals. If such distancing is not feasible, other measures such as face covering, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, cleanliness, and sanitation should be rigorously practiced.
☐ Self-screen before going into a barber shop for any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:
☐ Cough ☐ Sore throat
☐ Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing ☐ Loss of taste or smell
☐ Chills ☐ Diarrhea
☐ Repeated shaking with chills ☐ Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit.
☐ Muscle pain ☐ Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19
☐ Headache
☐ Wash or disinfect hands upon entering a barber shop and after any interaction with employees, contractors, other customers, or items in the nail salon.
☐ Wash or sanitize hands after the payment process.
☐ Individuals aged 65 or older are at a higher risk of COVID-19. To the extent possible, avoid contact within 6 feet with individuals aged 65 and older. Individuals aged 65 and older should stay at home as much as possible.



☑ CHECKLIST FOR COSMETOLOGY SALONS/HAIR SALONS Page 1 of 4

Effective May 8, 2020, cosmetology salons may operate provided they can ensure at least 6 feet social distancing between operating work stations. Because of the proximity between individuals in these facilities, stringent compliance with these protocols is strongly recommended.

The following are the minimum recommended health protocols for cosmetology salons choosing to operate in Texas. Cosmetology salons may adopt additional protocols consistent with their specific needs and circumstances to help protect the health and safety of all employees, independent contractors, and customers.

The virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to others by infected persons who have few or no symptoms. Even if an infected person is only mildly ill, the people they spread it to may become seriously ill or even die, especially if that person is 65 or older with pre-existing health conditions that place them at higher risk. Because of the hidden nature of this threat, everyone should rigorously follow the practices specified in these protocols, all of which facilitate a safe and measured reopening of Texas. The virus that causes COVID-19 is still circulating in our communities. We should continue to observe practices that protect everyone, including those who are most vulnerable.

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Getting cosmetology salon, employees, and contractors ready to open:

- Start by first offering less complex and time-consuming services such as haircutting services.
- Notify employees and contractors of all COVID-19 processes and procedures and require them to sign a statement acknowledging they understand and will adhere to the guidelines.
- Screen employees and contractors before coming into the cosmetology salon:
  - Send home any employee or contractor who has any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:
 

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cough</li> <li>- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing</li> <li>- Chills</li> <li>- Repeated shaking with chills</li> <li>- Muscle pain</li> <li>- Headache</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sore throat</li> <li>- Loss of taste or smell</li> <li>- Diarrhea</li> <li>- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit</li> <li>- Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19</li> </ul>
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  - Do not allow employees or contractors with new or worsening signs or symptoms listed above to return to work until:

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- In the case of an employee or contractor who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to work when all three of the following criteria are met: at least 3 days (72 hours) have passed *since recovery* (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications); and the individual has *improvement* in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and at least 10 days have passed *since symptoms first appeared*; or
  - In the case of an employee or contractor who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and does not get evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, the individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to work until the individual has completed the same three-step criteria listed above; or
  - If the employee or contractor has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to work before completing the above self-isolation period, the individual must obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis.
- Do not allow an employee or contractor with known close contact to a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 to return to work until the end of the 14 day self-quarantine period from the last date of exposure (with an exception granted for health care workers and critical infrastructure workers).
  - Consider implementing a similar policy for clients.
    - For temperature checks, the preferred method is a no-contact thermometer, such as a forehead thermometer, if possible.
    - Do not use a contact thermometer on multiple persons without disposable guards or disinfection between persons.
  - Provide resources and a work environment that promote personal hygiene. For example, provide tissues, hand soap, alcohol-based hand sanitizers containing at least 60 percent alcohol, disinfectants, and disposable towels for licensees to clean their work surfaces.
  - Disinfectants must come from this list: <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>
  - Provide a place to wash hands with both hot and cold water with hand soap, disposable towels, and a no-touch trash can.

### Before an appointment:

- Appointments should be scheduled to limit the amount of people in the salon.
- Walk-in clients should wait either in their own cars or outside with at least six feet separation between individuals.
- Do not allow clients to bring extra people to the appointment, such as children.

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- Only schedule the number of clients that will allow for social distancing of at least six feet from others.
- A sign should be posted at the entrance to the salon with a phone number that clients should call to schedule an appointment when they arrive outside the salon.
- Only bring clients into the building when the licensee is ready for them, to eliminate anyone needing to spend any time in the lobby or waiting area.
- Remove all unnecessary items such as magazines from the lobby or waiting area.
- Contactless payment is encouraged. Where not available, contact should be minimized.
- Signs should be posted at each entrance and eye-level at stations notifying clients that people with symptoms of COVID-19 or who have recently been exposed to someone with symptoms must reschedule their appointment.
- Do not provide services to a client if you have reason to believe that they are sick or have a contagious condition.
- If possible, provide face coverings for clients or ask them to wear one if services can be provided with it on.

### Once inside the hair salon:

- Do not let clients touch/handle retail supplies.
- Require all clients to wash their hands upon entering the salon and before each treatment.
- Take measures to ensure that clients do not interact with each other in the salon.
- Face masks or fabric face coverings should always be worn by employers, employees, contractors, and clients while inside the salon/shop, even if individuals are practicing social distancing.
- Clients receiving services for which a mask may not be worn should wear a mask or face covering before and after they receive the service.

### Providing services:

- If gloves cannot be worn for a service, then hands must be washed with soap and water prior to providing services. Hands must be washed for a minimum of 20 seconds.
- If at any time an employee or contractor touches their face, nose, eyes, cell phone, door, credit card machine or any surface they have not sanitized, they must immediately change their gloves or rewash hands with soap and water.
- Use disposable supplies to keep from having to handle and disinfect multi-use supplies.
- Use disposable towels when possible and dispose of them after use.

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### Continue to service clients with the cleaning and sanitation you already practice:

- If gloves are worn, they must be removed and properly disposed of immediately upon completion of the service.
- All surfaces must be wiped down and sanitized between use including computers, landline phones, etc.
- Full sanitization of workstations, shampoo bowls, chairs, etc., must occur after each client. This includes a complete wipe down with disinfectant cleaners or wipes of all surfaces touched and products used.
- Multi-use equipment and tools must be cleaned and disinfected before use on each client.
- Single-use equipment and tools must be discarded after use on a single client.
- Electrical equipment that cannot be immersed in liquid shall be wiped clean and disinfected before use on each client.
- All clean and disinfected tools and materials shall be stored in a clean, dry, debris free environment when not in use.
- Clean and disinfected tools and materials must be stored separate from soiled tools and materials. Ultraviolet electrical sanitizers are acceptable for use as a dry storage container. Non-cosmetology or barbering related supplies must be stored in separate drawers or locations.
- Shampoo bowls and manicure tables shall be disinfected prior to use for each client.
- Floors shall be thoroughly cleaned each day. Hair cuttings must be swept up and deposited in a closed receptacle. Cosmetologists need to sweep up after each haircut.
- All trash containers must be emptied daily and kept clean by washing or using plastic liners.
- Non-disposable towels used during services must be immediately removed and placed in a disposable laundry receptacle (such as a bag that is discarded after use) at the conclusion of the service.
- If the salon uses a laundry basket or reusable bag, it must be sanitized between uses and should never be used for clean towels/capes.
- Towels must be washed in hot water and chlorine bleach and only clean towels shall be used on clients.
- Clean towels should only be handled by someone who has cleaned their hands immediately before touching the towels or someone who has a fresh pair of gloves.
- All on-site laundry rooms or laundry storage rooms must be fully sanitized daily.

### Additional items:

- If an employee or contractor tests positive for COVID-19, immediately report that to the local health authority and provide notification to employees, contractors, and clients. The notification may be made via phone call, e-mail, or text. The notification to the local health authority and to employees, contractors, and clients must occur no later than 24 hours of receiving information of a positive test result.

**CHECKLIST FOR COSMETOLOGY/HAIR SALON CUSTOMERS Page 1 of 1**

The following are the minimum recommended health protocols for all cosmetology salon customers. These minimum health protocols are not a limit on the health protocols that individuals may adopt. Individuals are encouraged to adopt additional protocols consistent with their specific needs and circumstances to help protect the health and safety of all Texans.

The virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to others by infected persons who have few or no symptoms. Even if an infected person is only mildly ill, the people they spread it to may become seriously ill or even die, especially if that person is 65 or older with pre-existing health conditions that place them at higher risk. Because of the hidden nature of this threat, everyone should rigorously follow the practices specified in these protocols, all of which facilitate a safe and measured reopening of Texas. The virus that causes COVID-19 is still circulating in our communities. We should continue to observe practices that protect everyone, including those who are most vulnerable.

Please note, public health guidance cannot anticipate every unique situation. Individuals should stay informed and take actions based on common sense and wise judgment that will protect health and support economic revitalization.

**Health protocols for customers:**

- Consistent with the actions taken by many individuals across the state, and because of the close proximity between individuals inside cosmetology salons, consider wearing cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth) except when it interferes with the service being provided. If available, individuals should consider wearing non-medical grade face masks. Wearing a mask is of utmost importance because of the close proximity between individuals in these settings.**
- Maintain at least 6 feet separation from other individuals. If such distancing is not feasible, other measures such as face covering, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, cleanliness, and sanitation should be rigorously practiced.
- Self-screen before going into a cosmetology salon for any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:
 

<input type="checkbox"/> Cough	<input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat
<input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing	<input type="checkbox"/> Loss of taste or smell
<input type="checkbox"/> Chills	<input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea
<input type="checkbox"/> Repeated shaking with chills	<input type="checkbox"/> Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
<input type="checkbox"/> Muscle pain	<input type="checkbox"/> Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19
<input type="checkbox"/> Headache	
- Wash or disinfect hands upon entering a cosmetology salon and after any interaction with employees, contractors, other customers, or items in the cosmetology salon.
- Wash or sanitize hands after the payment process.
- Individuals aged 65 or older are at a higher risk of COVID-19. To the extent possible, avoid contact within 6 feet with individuals aged 65 and older. Individuals aged 65 and older should stay at home as much as possible.**



**CHECKLIST FOR GYM/EXERCISE FACILITY PATRONS** **Page 1 of 1**

The following are the minimum recommended health protocols for all patrons of gyms or other exercise facilities and classes, whether indoor, outdoor, individual, or group, in Texas. These minimum health protocols are not a limit on the health protocols that individuals may adopt. Individuals are encouraged to adopt additional protocols consistent with their specific needs and circumstances to help protect the health and safety of all Texans.

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**Health protocols for individuals:**

- Maintain at least 6 feet separation from other individuals not within the same household. If such distancing is not feasible, other measures such as face covering, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, cleanliness, and sanitation should be rigorously practiced.
- Self-screen before going into a gym or exercise facility or class for any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:
 

<input type="checkbox"/> Cough	<input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat
<input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing	<input type="checkbox"/> Loss of taste or smell
<input type="checkbox"/> Chills	<input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea
<input type="checkbox"/> Repeated shaking with chills	<input type="checkbox"/> Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
<input type="checkbox"/> Muscle pain	<input type="checkbox"/> Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19
<input type="checkbox"/> Headache	
- Disinfect any equipment before and after use, including exercise machines and dead weights.**
- Wash or disinfect hands upon entering a gym or exercise facility or class and after any interaction with employees, other customers, or items in the gym or exercise facility.
- Wear gloves that fully cover from the wrist to the fingers while exercising.**
- To the extent a patron brings their own equipment to the gym or exercise facility, the patron should disinfect the equipment before and after use.
- Consistent with the actions taken by many individuals across the state, consider wearing cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth) when entering a gym or exercise facility or class, or when within 6 feet of another person who is not a member of the individual's household. If available, individuals should consider wearing non-medical grade face masks.
- Individuals aged 65 or older are at a higher risk of COVID-19. To the extent possible, avoid contact within 6 feet with individuals aged 65 and older. Individuals aged 65 and older should stay at home as much as possible.**



✓ CHECKLIST FOR GYMS AND EXERCISE FACILITIES

Effective May 18, 2020, gyms and exercise facilities and classes may operate up to 25% of the total listed occupancy of the gym or exercise facility. Locker rooms and shower facilities must remain closed, but restrooms may be open. Employees and contractors of the gym or exercise facility are not counted towards the 25% occupancy limitation.

The following are the minimum recommended health protocols for all gyms and exercise facilities and classes, whether indoor, outdoor, individual, or group, choosing to operate in Texas. Gyms and exercise facilities and classes may adopt additional protocols consistent with their specific needs and circumstances to help protect the health and safety of all employees, contractors, and customers.

The virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to others by infected persons who have few or no symptoms. Even if an infected person is only mildly ill, the people they spread it to may become seriously ill or even die, especially if that person is 65 or older with pre-existing health conditions that place them at higher risk. Because of the hidden nature of this threat, everyone should rigorously follow the practices specified in these protocols, all of which facilitate a safe and measured reopening of Texas. The virus that causes COVID-19 is still circulating in our communities. We should continue to observe practices that protect everyone, including those who are most vulnerable.

Please note, public health guidance cannot anticipate every unique situation. Gym and exercise facilities and classes should stay informed and take actions based on common sense and wise judgment that will protect health and support economic revitalization. Gyms and exercise facilities and classes should also be mindful of federal and state employment and disability laws, workplace safety standards, and accessibility standards to address the needs of both workers and customers.

Health protocols for your employees and contractors:

- Train all employees and contractors on appropriate cleaning and disinfection, hand hygiene, and respiratory etiquette.
Screen employees and contractors before coming into the gym or exercise facility or class:
Send home any employee or contractor who has any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea
- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
- Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19
Do not allow employees or contractors with new or worsening signs or symptoms listed above to return to work until:
- In the case of an employee or contractor who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to work when all three of the following criteria are met: at least 3 days (72



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hours) have passed *since recovery* (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications); and the individual has *improvement* in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and at least 10 days have passed *since symptoms first appeared*; or

- In the case of an employee or contractor who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and does not get evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, the individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to work until the individual has completed the same three-step criteria listed above; or
- If the employee or contractor has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to work before completing the above self-isolation period, the individual must obtain a medical professional’s note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis.

- Do not allow an employee or contractor with known close contact to a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 to return to work until the end of the 14 day self-quarantine period from the last date of exposure (with an exception granted for healthcare workers and critical infrastructure workers).
- Have employees and contractors wash or sanitize their hands upon entering the gym or exercise facility.
- Have employees and contractors maintain at least 6 feet separation from other individuals. If such distancing is not feasible, other measures such as face covering, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, cleanliness, and sanitation should be rigorously practiced.
- If a gym or exercise facility or class provides a meal for employees and/or contractors, the gym or exercise facility is recommended to have the meal individually packed for each individual.
- Consistent with the actions taken by many employers across the state, consider having all employees and contractors wear cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth). If available, employees should consider wearing non-medical grade face masks.

### Health protocols for your facilities:

- Space workout equipment to provide for at least 6 feet separation between patrons.
- Regularly and frequently clean and disinfect any regularly touched surfaces, such as doorknobs, tables, chairs, and restrooms.
- Disinfect any items that come into contact with customers.
- Provide equipment cleaning products throughout the gym or exercise facility or class for use on equipment, including dead weights.**
- Make hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, soap and water, or similar disinfectant readily available to employees, contractors, and customers.
- Place readily visible signage at the gym or exercise facility or class to remind everyone of best hygiene practices.
- For facilities with more than 10 employees and/or contractors present at one time, consider having an individual wholly or partially dedicated to ensuring the health protocols adopted by the facility are being successfully implemented and followed.