

# State COVID-Operation Snapshot for Texas

## Statewide Mask Order: Yes.

Gov. Greg Abbott's mask order took effect July 3. Children under 10 are excepted. Counties with 20 or fewer active COVID-19 cases can apply to the state for exemption. About a quarter of the state's 254 counties have received exemptions.

## Statewide Travel Restriction: No.

The quarantine requirement for out-of-state travelers ended on May 21

## Current Executive Order Status: Open Texas, Phase 3

On June 25, Gov. Abbott announced a pause its reopening process and moved to free up hospital space for virus patients. He issued an executive order (see link below) suspending elective procedures in hospitals in four counties (Bexar, Dallas, Harris, and Travis counties). Businesses that had already reopened can continue to operate, but any further reopening is halted.

On April 27, Gov. Abbott issued an order allowing a partial reopening of businesses in Texas beginning May 1. The order applies to businesses to the extent that they weren't previously designated as "essential" during the state's previous stay in place orders. The order mostly applies to nonessential retail businesses, which are permitted to reopen at 25% of their listed occupancy.

The governor also lifted travel restrictions for those traveling from Louisiana but kept many in place for travelers from other areas of the country affected by COVID-19, including New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, California, Washington state, Atlanta, Chicago, Detroit and Miami.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Gov. Abbott Executive Order Suspending Elective Procedures in Four Counties – [Click Here](#)
- Texas Phase 2 Reopening of Services – [Click Here](#)
- Texas Expanding Reopening of Services, Open Texas - [Click Here](#)
- Texas Checklist of Safe Operations, Open Texas - [Click Here](#)
- Open Texas - [Click Here](#)
- Travel Order - [Click Here](#)
- Texas COVID-19 Resources – [Click Here](#)

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