



Chambers County, Texas

GA-28 Summary and FAQ

June 26, 2020

Below is a brief summary of Governor Greg Abbott's Executive Order GA-28, as well as a FAQ to answer questions that may arise. This summary is provided for convenience only. Visit gov.texas.gov to read the Governor's full Order.

Please note, pursuant to Section 418.016(a) of the Texas Government Code, the Governor has dictated that this order supersedes any orders issued by local officials in response to COVID-19. As such, Chambers County can only provide the information located in the Executive Order and cannot interpret the rules laid forth below.

1. Due to recent substantial increases in COVID-19 positive cases and increases in the hospitalizations resulting from COVID-19, targeted and temporary adjustments to the reopening plan are needed to achieve the least restrictive means for reducing the growing spread of COVID-19 and the resulting imminent threat to the public in an effort to avoid a need for more extreme measures.
2. There is no occupancy limit for the following:
 - a. Any services listed by the US Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Services Agency (CISA) in its Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce, Version 3.1 or any subsequent version
 - b. Religious services, including those conducted in churches, congregations and houses of worship
 - c. Local government operations, including county and municipal governmental operations relating to licensing, permitting, recordation and document-filing services, as determined by local government
 - d. Child-care services
 - e. Youth camps
3. The following outdoor areas or outdoor venues shall operate at no more than 50 percent of the normal operating limits as determined by the owner:
 - a. Professional, collegiate or similar sporting events
 - b. Swimming pools
 - c. Water parks
 - d. Museums and libraries
 - e. Zoos, aquariums, natural caverns and similar facilities
 - f. Rodeos and equestrian events

4. This 50 percent occupancy limit does not apply to outdoor areas, events or establishments not listed above or to the following establishments that operate with at least six feet of social distancing between work stations:
 - a. Cosmetology salons, hair salons, barber shops, nail salons/shops and other establishments where licensed cosmetologists or barbers practice their trade
 - b. Massage establishments or other facilities where licensed massage therapists or other persons licensed or otherwise authorized to practice under Chapter 455 of the Texas Occupations Code practice their trade
 - c. Other personal-care and beauty services such as tanning salons, tattoo studios, piercing studios, hair removal services and hair loss treatment and growth services
5. Any outdoor gathering (except those listed in number 3) of more than 100 people is prohibited unless the County Judge or mayor of the city in which the gathering is held approves the gathering. However, the approval cannot allow conditions which are not consistent with this order.
6. Restaurants that have less than 51 percent of their gross receipts from the sale of alcoholic beverages may operate at the following occupancy limits:
 - a. Until June 29 at 12:01 a.m., restaurants may operate at up to 75 percent occupancy
 - b. Beginning June 29 at 12:01 a.m., restaurants may operate at up to 50 percent occupancy
7. People shall not visit bars or similar establishments which are not restaurants as defined above. However, bars and similar establishments may offer drive-thru, pickup or delivery options for food and drinks to the extent authorized by TABC.
8. People shall not use commercial rafting or tubing services, including rental of rafts or tubes and transportation of people for the purpose of rafting or tubing.
9. Staff members are not included in determining operating levels, except for manufacturing services and office workers.
10. Except as provided in this executive order or in the minimum standard health protocols recommended by DSHS, found at www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus, people should not be in groups larger than ten and should maintain six feet of social distancing from those not in their group.
11. People over the age of 65 are strongly encouraged to stay home as much as possible, to maintain appropriate distance from any member of the household who has been out of the residence in the previous 14 days and, if leaving the

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

12. In providing or obtaining services, every person should use good-faith efforts and available resources to follow the minimum standard health protocols recommended by DSHS.
13. Nothing in this executive order or the DSHS minimum standards precludes requiring a customer to follow additional hygiene measures when obtaining services.
 - a. However, while individuals are encouraged to wear appropriate face coverings no jurisdiction can impose a civil or criminal penalty for failure to wear a face covering
 - b. **PLEASE NOTE: Chambers County Judge Jimmy Sylvia has issued Executive Order JS-7 that mandates that all businesses operating in Chambers County require their employees and clients to wear face coverings.**
14. People shall not visit nursing homes, state support living centers, assisted living facilities or long-term care facilities unless as determined through guidance from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

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

GA-28 FAQ

1. Is there a Stay at Home Order for Chambers County?
 - a. No, there is no active Stay at Home Order for Chambers County residents.
2. Can I host or visit gatherings of more than 10 people in a private residence?
 - a. Per the GA-28, people should not be in groups larger than ten and should maintain at least six feet of social distancing from those not in their group.
3. Are Chambers County Parks open to visitors?
 - a. Yes, Chambers County Parks are open to visitors.
4. Are playgrounds at Chambers County Parks open to the public?
 - a. Yes, they are now open.
5. Is the Chambers County Splash Pad at the Winnie-Stowell Park open to the public?
 - a. The Splash Pad is currently open at 50 percent occupancy. A total of 22 people are permitted to use the Splash Pad at one time.
6. Can convenience stores offer self-service items (i.e. fountain beverages)?
 - a. Yes, convenience stores may permitted customers to self-serve items like fountain beverages.
7. Can I go to services at my church?
 - a. Yes, church services are permitted and occupancy limits have been rescinded.
8. Do I have to wear a mask in Chambers County?
 - a. Per Executive Order JS-7, all Chambers County businesses are mandated to require that employees and clients wear a mask while receiving services.
9. Can COVID-19 be transmitted through mosquitos or ticks?
 - a. No, mosquitos and ticks are not carriers for COVID-19.
10. Are employees or contractors counted toward the occupancy limitations listed in the Executive Order?
 - a. No, employees and paid contractors are not included in occupancy limits, except in offices and manufacturing facilities.