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Phase One of Re-Opening the State of Texas to Begin on May 1st

April 29, 2020 at 9:00 AM – Governor Greg Abbott announced on Monday, April 27, 2020 the [first phase](#) of the State of Texas' ongoing plan to safely and strategically open while minimizing the spread of COVID-19. Phase One will go into effect May 1, 2020 at 12:01AM and will continue through May 18, 2020, subject to extension or alterations based on the status of COVID-19 in Texas. Phase One is as outlined:

- Retail stores, restaurants, movie theaters, malls, museums and libraries are permitted to re-open at 25% capacity of their listed occupancy. Food-court dining areas, play areas, and interactive displays and settings must remain closed. Single-person offices may re-open as well.
- Public swimming pools, bars, gyms, cosmetology salons, massage establishments, interactive amusement venues: such as bowling alleys and video arcades, and tattoo and piercing studios will remain closed through Phase I.
- Outdoor sports are allowed to resume so long as no more than four participants are playing together at one time. Certain social distancing practices must also be followed.
- Nursing homes, state supported living centers, assisted living facilities, and long-term care facilities must remain closed to visitors unless to provide critical assistance.
- Mandatory 14-day quarantine period for individuals traveling from Louisiana has been lifted. Mandated 14-day quarantine for travelers from the following states and cities remain in place: California, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Washington, Atlanta, Chicago, Detroit, and Miami.

The following are updates specific to the City of Katy during Phase One:

- While many facilities are re-opening doors, City Hall and other City buildings will remain closed from public access, but fully operational during this Phase.
- City of Katy museums will re-open by appointment only. Please contact 281-391-4800 to schedule an appointment.
- The City of Katy Dog Park will remain closed at this time due to [CDC Guidelines for pet owners](#). However, we are working on additional ways to promote health and safety at the dog park, which will help us re-open it in the future.
- Baseball fields and basketball courts will remain closed and there will be no park reservations during this phase. We will however re-open the tennis courts at this time.
- Face masks continue to be highly recommended for public health and safety.

View the Governor's detailed report, outlining the new protocols, guidance, and recommendations. [Texans Helping Texans: The Governor's Report to Open Texas](#). The report also includes a series of Open Texas Checklists that outline Texas Department of State Health Services' [minimum standard health protocols](#) for all Texans.

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