



# Chambers County, Texas

## GA-23 Summary and FAQ

Below is a brief summary of State of Texas Governor Greg Abbott's Executive Order GA-23. This summary is provided as a convenience to Chambers County residents to assist in the clarification and ease of understanding the Governor's Orders. Chambers County will no longer be providing interpretation regarding these orders.

Please contact the Governor's Office directly with questions or read the entire Order at [gov.texas.gov](http://gov.texas.gov).

### **GA-23 Summary:**

Social gatherings: "every person in Texas shall, except where necessary to provide or obtain Covered Services, minimize social gatherings and minimize in-person contact with people who are not in the same household." **[Minimum standards from CDC recommend no more than 10 persons.]**

"Covered Services" shall consist of **everything listed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)** in its Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce, Version 3.0 or any subsequent version, plus religious services conducted in churches, congregations, and houses of worship. These covered services are not subject to the conditions and limitations, including occupancy or operating limits, set forth below for other covered services.

**"Covered Services" shall also consist of the following to the extent they are not already CISA services or religious services, subject to the conditions and limitations set forth below:**

1. Retail services that may be provided through pick-up, delivery by mail, or delivery to the customer's doorstep.
2. In-store, non-CISA retail services, for retail establishments that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of the retail establishment.
3. Dine-in restaurant services, for restaurants that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of the restaurant, effective until 12:01 a.m. on Friday, May 22, 2020, when this provision is superseded by the provision set forth below for expanded dine-in restaurant services; provided, however, that
  - a. this applies only to restaurants that have less than 51 percent of their gross receipts from the sale of alcoholic beverages; and
  - b. any components of the restaurants that have interactive functions or exhibits, including child play areas, interactive games, and video arcades, must remain closed.

4. Movie theaters that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of any individual theater for any screening; provided, however, that components of the movie theaters that have video arcades or interactive games must remain closed.
5. Shopping malls that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of the shopping mall; provided, however, that within shopping malls, the food-court dining areas, play areas, video arcades, and interactive displays and settings must remain closed.
6. Museums and libraries that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy; provided, however, that
  - a. local public museums and local public libraries may so operate only if permitted by the local government; and
  - b. any components of museums or libraries that have interactive functions or exhibits, including child play areas, must remain closed.
7. Golf course operations.
8. Local government operations, including county and municipal governmental operations relating to licensing (including marriage licenses), permitting, recordation, and document-filing services, as determined by the local government.
9. Wedding venues and the services required to conduct weddings; provided, however, that for weddings held indoors other than at a church, congregation, or house of worship, the facility may operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of the facility.
10. Wedding reception services, for facilities that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of the facility.
11. Cosmetology salons, hair salons, barber shops, nail salons/shops, and other establishments where licensed cosmetologists or barbers practice their trade; provided, however, that all such salons, shops, and establishments must ensure at least six feet of social distancing between operating work stations.
12. Tanning salons; provided, however, that all such salons must ensure at least six feet of social distancing between operating work stations.
13. Swimming pools, as determined by each pool owner; provided, however, that
  - a. indoor swimming pools may operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of the pool facility; and
  - b. outdoor swimming pools may operate at up to 25 percent of normal operating limits as determined by the pool owner.
14. Non-CISA services provided by office workers in offices that operate at up to the greater of (i) ten individuals, or (ii) 25 percent of the total office workforce; provided, however, that the individuals maintain appropriate social distancing.
15. Non-CISA manufacturing services, for facilities that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of the facility.

16. Gyms and exercise facilities and classes that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of the gym or exercise facility; provided, however, that locker rooms and shower facilities must remain closed, but restrooms may open.

### **Beginning Immediately**

1. Massage establishments and other facilities where licensed massage therapists or other persons licensed or otherwise authorized to practice under Chapter 455 of the Texas Occupations Code practice their trade; provided, however, that all such facilities must ensure at least six feet of social distancing between operating work stations.
2. Personal-care and beauty services that have not already been reopened, such as tattoo studios, piercing studios, hair removal services, and hair loss treatment and growth services; provided, however, that (i) all such facilities must ensure at least six feet of social distancing between operating work stations; and (ii) to the extent such services are licensed or otherwise regulated by Texas law, such services may operate only as permitted by Texas law.
3. Child-care services other than youth camps as described below; provided, however, that to the extent such services are licensed or otherwise regulated by Texas law, such services may operate only as permitted by Texas law.

### **Starting at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, May 22, 2020:**

1. Dine-in restaurant services, for restaurants that operate at up to 50 percent of the total listed occupancy of the restaurant; provided, however that (i) this applies only to restaurants that have less than 51 percent of their gross receipts from the sale of alcoholic beverages; and (ii) any components of the restaurants that have interactive functions or exhibits, including child play areas, interactive games, and video arcades, must remain closed.
2. Bars and similar establishments that are not restaurants as defined above, that hold a permit from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, and that are not otherwise expressly prohibited in this executive order, for such establishments that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of the establishment; provided, however, that any components of the establishments that have interactive functions or exhibits, including child play areas, interactive games, and video arcades, must remain closed.
3. Aquariums, natural caverns, and similar facilities (excluding zoos) that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy or, for outdoor areas, at up to 25 percent of the normal operating limits as determined by the facility owner; provided, however, that (i) local public facilities may so operate only if permitted by the local government; and (ii) any components of the facilities that have

interactive functions or exhibits, including child play areas, must remain closed.

4. Bowling alleys, bingo halls, simulcast racing to the extent authorized by state law, and skating rinks that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of the establishment; provided, however, that (i) bowling alleys must ensure at least six feet of social distancing between operating lanes; and (ii) components of the establishments that have video arcades must remain closed.
5. Rodeos and equestrian events that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy or, for outdoor areas, at up to 25 percent of the normal operating limits as determined by the facility owner; provided, however, that this authorizes only the rodeo or equestrian event and not larger gatherings, such as county fairs, in which such an event may be held.
6. Drive-in concerts, under guidelines that facilitate appropriate social distancing, that generally require spectators to remain in their vehicles, and that minimize in-person contact between people who are not in the same household or vehicle.
7. Amateur sporting events (i) at which there is no access to the general public allowed; and (ii) for which all participants have tested negative for COVID-19 prior to the event, are quarantined for the duration of the event, are temperature-checked and monitored for symptoms daily, and are tested again for COVID-19 at the end of the event.

**Starting at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, May 29, 2020, for all Texas counties:**

Outdoor areas of zoos that operate at up to 25 percent of the normal operating limits as determined by the zoo owner; provided, however, that (i) indoor areas of zoos, other than restrooms, must remain closed; (ii) any components of the zoos that have interactive functions or exhibits, including child play areas, must remain closed; and (iii) local public zoos may so operate only if permitted by the local government.

**Starting at 12:01 a.m. on Sunday, May 31, 2020, for all Texas counties:**

1. Professional basketball, baseball, softball, golf, tennis, football, and car racing events, with no spectators physically present on the premises of the venue, as approved on a league-by-league basis by DSHS, in consultation with the Office of the Governor and any recommendations by the advisory Strike Force to Open Texas, based on whether the league has submitted a plan that applies to all events and that meets the minimum health and safety standards;
  - a. provided, however, that each league must submit, along with a request for approval in the manner prescribed by DSHS, a plan that incorporates applicable minimum standard health protocols recommended by DSHS, as applicable, and such additional measures as are needed to ensure a safe plan for conducting the event.

2. Youth camps, including but not limited to those defined as such under Chapter 141 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, and including all summer camps and other daytime and overnight camps for youths.
3. Youth sports programs; provided, however, that practices may begin, but games and similar competitions may not begin until June 15, 2020.

**Conclusion**

If the activity isn't allowed as a "Covered Service" as listed, or included as Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce via CISA v3.0 guidance, then it isn't allowed per the Governor's Executive Order GA-23.

## Executive Order FAQ

### **Is there a Stay at Home Order for Chambers County?**

No, there is no active Stay at Home Order for Chambers County residents.

### **Can I host or visit gatherings of more than 10 people in a private residence?**

Per the Governor's Order, all citizens shall minimize social gatherings except when performing or participating in an essential service.

### **Are Chambers County Parks open to visitors?**

Yes, Chambers County Parks are open to visitors. However, playground equipment is currently off limits to the public.

### **Can I rent a Chambers County Community Building or Facility?**

No, at this time Chambers County is not permitting the rental of any County Building or Facility.

### **Can convenience stores offer self-service items (i.e. fountain beverages)?**

Yes, convenience stores may permit customers to self-serve items like fountain beverages.

Convenience stores and restaurants may not, however, offer buffet food items.

### **Can I go to services at my church?**

Yes. The Governor recommends that church services are conducted consistent with guidelines from the President and CDC by practicing good hygiene, environmental cleanliness and sanitation and by implementing social distancing.

### **Do I have to wear a mask in Chambers County?**

A mask is recommended, but not required.

### **Can COVID-19 be transmitted through mosquitos or ticks?**

No, mosquitos and ticks are not carriers for COVID-19.

### **Are employees or contractors of gyms or exercise facilities counted toward the 25 percent occupancy limitation?**

No, they are not.