

STEPS TO OPEN TEXAS BUSINESSES

The virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to others by infected persons who appear to 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 on the following pages, all of which will support 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.

Individuals, employers, employees, and customers are encouraged to review, print out, and follow the MINIMUM health protocols recommended by DSHS in the checklists on the following pages, in addition to federal and state employment laws and workplace safety standards. The DSHS minimum recommended health protocols are subject to change based on new and evolving information.

Additional information resources for businesses:

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>
- https://www.ada.gov/emerg_prep.html
- <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19>