



TRAVIS COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE



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Re: Partial Re-Opening of Businesses in Travis County

Beginning on May 1, 2020 (Friday), retail stores, restaurants, places of worship, movie theaters and malls will be allowed to operate at 25% capacity. Museums and libraries will also be allowed to open at 25% capacity, but hands-on exhibits must remain closed. On May 18, 2020, the aforementioned occupancy types will be allowed to operate at 50% capacity, as long as the State sees "two weeks of data to confirm no flare-up of COVID-19".

All Businesses have an occupant load based off of their occupancy classification, square footage, exiting capacity, and furniture/equipment configuration and layout. The current occupant load associated with your business shall be reduced by 75% during this initial phase. You should contact either your local Building Official or Fire Marshal if you need assistance in determining your current occupant load and/or newly revised (25%) occupant load.

Violation of the below procedures and/or partial occupancy order could result in the business being closed. The following procedures shall be utilized until further notice:

- For food establishment, seating shall be limited to every other table at a minimum.
 - Tables shall be 6 – 10 feet apart
 - No groups of more than 6 people shall be allowed at one table
 - Patio areas or gated areas shall adhere to the same spacing and seating guidelines
- Consistent with the actions taken by many restaurants across the state, consider having all employees wear cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth). If available, employees should consider wearing non-medical grade face masks.
- Have employees maintain at least 6 feet separation from other individuals. If such distancing is not feasible, measures such as face covering, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, cleanliness, and sanitation should be rigorously practiced.
- Businesses shall continue to monitor employees for any signs and/or symptoms of COVID-19 and have a system in place to protect those potentially infected (example: taking temperature of all employees).

You can contact the Travis County Fire Marshal Office by phone: 512-854-4621 or email: fire.marsh@traviscountytexas.gov with any questions you may have during this partial re-open phase.

Stay safe,

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