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MAYORS UPDATE ON REOPEN TEXAS

Yesterday, Governor Abbott announced the implementation of Phase III of his Plan to reopen Texas by issuing GA-26. This Executive Order expanded the types of activities allowed and increased the total occupancy restrictions of several others. Effective June 3, 2020 the expanded activities include:

- Amusement Parks and Carnivals
- Fine Art Performance Halls
- Outdoor Events
- Production Facilities
- Video Game Facilities

Also Effective June 3, 2020, all businesses currently operating at 25% capacity can expand occupancy to 50%. Bars and like businesses may increase capacity to 50% as long as patrons are standing and restaurants may expand maximum table occupancy from 6 to 10 individuals.

Effective June 12, 2020, restaurants may expand to 75%

Effective June 19, 2020, Amusement Parks and Carnivals in counties with more than 1,000 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 may open at 50% capacity.

Special provisions have been made for 4th of July celebrations throughout the State of Texas. However, specific health practices and protocols have been issued for all of the activities and businesses that were addressed in Executive Order GA-26. Those practices and protocols are outlined for each business and activity specifically in the Governors Report to Reopen Texas which can be found at <http://open.texas.gov>.

The Governor's Order emphasizes that people should not gather in groups greater than 10 whenever possible, those people over 65 years of age are encouraged to stay at home as much as possible, people shall continue to avoid nursing homes and supported living facilities and that everyone is encouraged to wear appropriate face

coverings. However, the Order specifically states that no jurisdiction can impose a civil or criminal penalty for failure to wear a face covering.

All citizens are urged to continue to practice social distancing and to continue to practice good hygiene, environmental cleanliness. While it is encouraged that people should not be in groups larger than 10 and should maintain 6 feet of social distancing from those not in their group, they are still strongly encouraged to follow the minimum standard health protocols recommended by the DSHS found at www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus.

I want to commend our community for the way it has responded during the pandemic and during the stressful effort to reopen our State and economy. I also want to thank the citizens of Palacios for their understanding, compassion and cooperation as we continue to move forward together.

Sincerely,



Glen Smith

Mayor

Palacios