



### **FROM THE DESK OF THE CITY MANAGER**

Earlier today, Governor Greg Abbott issued three new Executive Orders related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. These orders are aimed at beginning the process of reopening the state of Texas while revising hospital capacity and certain social distancing guidelines. The first Executive Order established the Strike Force to Open Texas. This team of nationally recognized medical experts and private and public leaders will advise Governor Abbott on safely and strategically reopening the state of Texas. You can find the document at:

[https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/press/EO-GA-17\\_Open\\_Texas\\_Strike\\_Force\\_COVID-19\\_IMAGE\\_04-17-2020.pdf](https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/press/EO-GA-17_Open_Texas_Strike_Force_COVID-19_IMAGE_04-17-2020.pdf)

The second Executive Order issued by Governor Abbott today relates to the safe, strategic reopening of some services and activities. This order establishes a temporary "Retail-To-Go" model that will allow retail outlets in Texas to reopen beginning Friday, April 24. Under this model, reopened establishments are required to deliver items to customer's cars, homes, or other locations to minimize contact. This order also states that all schools will remain closed for the 2019-2020 school year. You can find the document at:

[https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/press/EO-GA-16\\_Opening\\_Texas\\_COVID-19\\_FINAL\\_04-17-2020.pdf](https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/press/EO-GA-16_Opening_Texas_COVID-19_FINAL_04-17-2020.pdf)

Lastly, the Governor issued an Executive Order related to hospital capacity and personal protective equipment needed during this pandemic. This order loosens some of the restrictions placed on surgeries last month. You can find the document at:

[https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/press/EO-GA-15\\_hospital\\_capacity\\_COVID-19\\_TRANS\\_04-17-2020.pdf](https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/press/EO-GA-15_hospital_capacity_COVID-19_TRANS_04-17-2020.pdf)

Just as you are, we at the City are excited to see actions being taken to start reopening our State. However, please know that the fight against COVID-19 is not over and we all still have an important role to play. Continue to stay at home and abide by all the social distancing guidelines that are in place so we can stop the spread of this virus. Let's all keep practicing individual responsibility during this time and keep ourselves and our loved ones safe.

Below is a list of official resources that you can utilize to stay up to date on the latest official news and information.

Tarrant County

(<https://www.tarrantcounty.com/content/main/en/county/tarrant-county-covid-19-information.html>)

Tarrant County Public Health

(<https://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/public-health/disease-control---prevention/coronaviruses.html>)

Texas Department of Health Services

(<https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/>)

White Settlement Independent School District

(<https://www.wsisd.com/>)

Thank you,

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