



COVID-19 Stay Home, Work Safe ORDER FOR HAYS COUNTY

Hays County Judge Issues Stay At Home Order

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR PEOPLE AND BUSINESSES

Hays County Judge Ruben Becerra issued a Stay Home, Work Safe Order effective March 26, 2020, at 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. April 10, 2020, unless extended or cancelled. The Order also imposes a nightly curfew for members of the public between 11 p.m. and 4 a.m.

The Order was put in place to limit movement and activity among people in Hays County to help stop the spread of the Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19). Residents, employers and employees are asked to follow the order to protect themselves and our community.

Essential Services will remain open and MUST enforce social distancing protocols.

Individuals are to stay at home. However, individuals may leave their residences for essential travel, essential activities, or to provide or perform essential governmental functions, or to operate essential businesses. This includes traveling to work at an essential business, traveling for the health of yourself or another person, leaving to get food and supplies, or getting outside to exercise.

To the extent individuals are using shared or outdoor spaces, they must maintain social distancing of at least six (6) feet from any other person. This does not require a household or living unit to social distance when at home.

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ALL COUNTY PARKS CLOSED

- Five Mile Dam Parks
- Jacob's Well Natural Area
- Gay Ruby Dahlstrom Nature Preserve

COVID-19 INFO AND RESOURCES

Hotline: 512.393.5525

Website: <https://hayscountytexas.com>

Emergency Info: www.haysinformed.com

Hays County COVID-19 Hotline
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For non-emergency questions about COVID-19

ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES* OPEN

These businesses will remain open but must enforce social distancing.

- Animal shelters
- Auto, bike and RV repair shops
- Auto, bike and RV sales
- Banks
- Day care centers (for children of essential workers)
- Essential government services (including police, EMS, fire, communications)
- Funeral industry
- Gas stations
- Grocery stores
- Hardware stores
- Health care facilities
- Hotels & Motels
- Infrastructure & Construction
- Janitorial services
- Laundromats and dry cleaners
- Mail and delivery services
- Media services
- Pharmacies
- Restaurants (drive-thru, take out, delivery only)
- Scientific research
- Skilled trades (plumbing, electrical, HVAC)
- Social Services & Charities
- Transportation Services
- Trash collection
- Utilities

Questions about whether your business is essential? Call 512.393.5930.

Note: Liquor stores, wineries, microbreweries or micro-distilleries, may only provide take out, delivery, or drive-in or drive-through services, as allowed by law.

NON-ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES CLOSED

All non-essential businesses are required to close to the public.

- Barber shops, nail salons, and hair salons
- Bars, lounges or taverns
- Commercial amusement and entertainment establishments, theaters
- Gyms, fitness classes, yoga, and personal training facilities
- Hotel meeting spaces and ballrooms
- Outdoor plazas and markets
- Residential meeting spaces and event centers
- Spas, massage parlors, tanning salons, and other personal care businesses
- Tattoo and piercing parlors

*For a complete list of essential businesses, visit www.hayscountytexas.com/covid-19-information-for-hays-county-residents/

ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATIONS

Businesses that are closed to the public may continue operations consisting exclusively of the following, as long as social distancing of a least six (6) feet is maintained between all employees /contractors:

- Performing activities at their own residences (i.e. teleworking/working from home);
- Operations necessary to process payroll, maintain security, upkeep, and maintenance of premises, equipment or inventory, including but not limited to the care and maintenance of livestock or animals;
- IT or other operations that facilitate employees working from home;
- Facilitate online or call-in sales performed by employees in a store or facility closed to the public;
- In-store repair services performed by employees in a store or facility closed to the public.

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Q&A About the Stay Home, Work Safe Order

Q. Can I leave home to visit family?

A. No. For your safety and the safety of our community, please remain at home unless you are performing an essential function or exercising outdoors.

Q. Can I leave home to go work in another city that does not have a stay at home order?

A. Yes, if you work in a business or industry considered essential, you can travel to and from work.

Q. Is there a curfew in place?

A. Yes, the Judge's Order imposes a curfew for members of the public to remain at their residences from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m.

Q. Can I use rideshare or taxi services?

A. Yes, if you are using it to travel to an essential activity, such as work, food shopping, going to the pharmacy or performing an essential activity for family or friends (such as taking care of elder or disabled parents).

Q. Is this Order mandatory?

A. Yes, the Order is mandatory for all Hays County residents.

Q. Will mail, deliveries and trash collection continue?

A. Yes, these services will function as usual.

Q. Can I have friends and family over for a get-together?

A. No. To stop the spread of the virus, please remain at home and do not gather with others outside your household.

Q. What should I do if I feel sick?

A. Contact your healthcare provider to discuss your symptoms and course of action.

Q. Can I leave my home to care for sick, disabled or elderly parents, family members or friends?

A. Yes, so long as this is an essential function for which you are responsible.

Q. Can I go outside to exercise or walk my dog?

A. Yes, dog walking and other forms of exercise are allowed. Please maintain a social distance of six (6) feet.

Q. Can I donate blood if I am healthy?

A. Yes. Blood donation centers are asking for healthy individuals to donate. Call ahead for details.

Q. Will law enforcement be issuing citations if someone violates the Order?

A. Yes, law enforcement officers may issue citations to those who violate the Order.

Q. What about people experiencing homelessness?

A. Individuals experiencing homelessness are exempt from this Order but should maintain social distancing of at least six feet from other persons. Individuals experiencing homelessness are strongly urged to obtain shelter.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Stay at home unless performing an essential function.
- Wash your hands frequently.
- Maintain social distancing.
- Read, exercise or play board games.
- Explore our online resources.
- Take the Census.



Questions about the Hays Co. Stay Home, Work Safe Order and your business?

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