



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Governor's Strike Force Report
Texans Helping Texans: The Governor's Report to Open Texas

April 27, 2020

The Governor's Strike Force Report "Texans Helping Texans," was Issued on April 27, 2020. It outlines a plan for opening Texas businesses. About the plan Governor Abbott said, "We have shown that Texas can continue our efforts to contain COVID-19 while also adhering to safe standards that will allow us to begin the process of opening this great state. The Strike Force to Open Texas brought together nationally-recognized medical experts with public- and private-sector business leaders to help achieve this mission. But it will take more than experts to win this battle for our families, for our community, and for this great state. We are each called upon to be Texans: to act responsibly as we re-engage in the economy, to continue following all health precautions and sanitizing guidelines, and to care for our vulnerable neighbors. Lives depend on our actions. I know you will respond as Texans. That is why we are first and foremost focusing on protecting the most vulnerable among us, on nursing home mitigation measures, on ramping up testing, and on scaling up contact tracing of the unseen enemy. We will be measured and cautious. Only with your help and with all of these measures in place can we begin to open businesses with careful adherence to health protocols. By coming together, we can prevent the spread of COVID-19 and we can get Texas back to work. With Texans helping Texans, we can overcome any challenge." The following is a summary of the report's recommendations:

Recommended Health Protocols for All Texans – Chief Medical Officer John William Hellerstedt, recommended the following health protocols for all Texans:

- Stay home if you can.
- Wash hands often and for 20 seconds, or use hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue away.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Disinfect surfaces, buttons, handles, doorknobs, and other places touched often.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Continue to practice social distancing, avoid crowds, and limit physical contact.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) also recommends using simple cloth face coverings in public to help slow the spread of the virus.

Special Guidance for Texans Over 65 – People 65 years or older, especially those with medical issues like heart disease, diabetes, cancer, or a weakened immune system, are at a higher risk for getting very sick or dying from COVID-19. The following health protocols are recommended for Texans 65 years or older, especially those with medical issues:

Stay at home if you can:

- Minimize face-to-face contact with others.
- Avoid young children.
- If someone is assisting you, you and your family members or caretaker should wear cloth face masks.
- Use grocery or restaurant delivery, mail order prescriptions, and phone appointments with your doctor.
- Call 2-1-1 if you need help with essentials.
- Reach out to friends, family, or neighbors who can deliver essential items.

Help Save Lives:

- If you must go out, wear a cloth face mask, and stay six feet away from others.
- Wash your hands often and for at least 20 seconds, or use hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol.
- Disinfect surfaces, buttons, handles, knobs, and other places touched often.
- Do not share dishes, drinking glasses, cups, or eating utensils with others.
- If you have mild symptoms (difficulty breathing, or a rapidly worsening cough or fever), call your healthcare provider. If symptoms are severe, call 9-1-1.

Check In With Others:

- Check in regularly with neighbors, friends, and family by calling, texting, emailing, video chatting, or even writing letters.
- Walking, gardening, digital books, games, and online religious services are great ways to stay active and connected.

Special Recommendations for Nursing Facilities – To ensure all nursing facilities are engaged in strong and comprehensive mitigation plans to control infection spread, nursing facilities need to:

- Quantify the extent of the infection immediately.
- Implement a comprehensive mitigation plan.
- Re-evaluate current COVID-19 positive facilities.
- Implement appropriate isolation and placement of COVID-19 patients.

- Implement enhanced access controls to the facility.
- Enhance control staff access to the facility.
- Provide notifications to all who interact with or may have recently interacted with a facility with positive patient(s).
- Continue prevention efforts in facilities that do not have an infection.

Contact Tracing – Contact tracing will be provided in phases.

PHASE I – Completed by April 27, 2020

- Assemble a team, including all necessary disciplines.
- Create work plans and identify project leads.
- Create training for the workforce.
- Recruit, train, and mobilize 1,157 state and local contact tracers.
- Procure contact tracing IT application that includes:
 - Self-checker
 - Ability for public to self-report
 - Testing location information
 - Data collection and management
 - Reporting and visualization
- Stand-up COVID-19 contact tracing call center.
- Initiate communication with local health entities.

PHASE II – Initiate by April 27, 2020

- Add an additional 1,000 contact tracers:
 - Schools of Public Health
 - Community Health Workers
 - Medical and Nursing Students
 - Public School Nurses
- Deploy contact tracing application statewide.
- Deploy self-reporting solution.
- Launch COVID-19 contact tracing call center.
- Initiate communication plan for the public to obtain information and self-report symptoms.
- Identify and train additional workforce.

PHASE III – Initiate by May 11, 2020

- Fully mobilize contact tracing workforce of up to 4,000.
- Expand contact tracing application to local health entities.
- Continued support of contact tracing call center.

Minimum Standards for All Employers – Following are minimum health standards for all employers:

- Train all employees on appropriate cleaning and disinfection, hand hygiene, and respiratory etiquette.
- Screen employees before coming into the business. Send home any employee who has any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Chills
 - Repeated shaking with chills
 - Muscle pain
 - Headache
 - Sore throat
 - Loss of taste or smell
 - Diarrhea
 - Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
 - Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19
- Do not allow employees with the new or worsening signs or symptoms listed above to return to work until:

- In the case of an employee who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to work when all three of the following criteria are met: at least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications); and the individual has improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and at least 7 days have passed since symptoms first appeared; or
- In the case of an employee who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and does not get evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, the individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to work until the individual has completed the same three-step criteria listed above; or
- If the employee has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to work before completing the above self-isolation period, the individual must obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis.
- Do not allow an employee with known close contact to a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 to return to work until the end of the 14 day self-quarantine period from the last date of exposure (with an exception granted for healthcare workers and critical infrastructure workers).
- Have employees wash or sanitize their hands upon entering the business.
- Have employees maintain at least 6 feet separation from other individuals. If such distancing is not feasible, other measures such as face covering, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, cleanliness, and sanitation should be rigorously practiced.
- If an employer provides a meal for employees, employers are recommended to have the meal individually packed for each employee.
- Consistent with the actions taken by many employers 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.

Health Protocols For All Facilities:

- Regularly and frequently clean and disinfect any regularly touched surfaces, such as doorknobs, tables, chairs, and restrooms.
- Disinfect any items that come into contact with customers.
- Make hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, soap and water, or similar disinfectant readily available to employees and customers.
- Place readily visible signage at the business to remind everyone of best hygiene practices.

Minimum Standard Health Protocols for Retailers and Malls – As outlined in Governor Abbott's executive order GA-18, non-essential retailers may operate up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy. In addition, non-essential retailers may operate through pickup, delivery by mail, or delivery to the customer's doorstep. Shopping malls may operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of the shopping mall, but shopping mall food-court dining areas, play areas, and interactive displays and settings must remain closed.

Health protocols for serving customers:

- Retailers are encouraged to consider dedicating a certain period of time each day for only at-risk customers or deliver purchased goods to vehicles to reduce the need for at-risk customers to enter the store.
- If practical, monitor what items customers touch to clean or disinfect when the customer leaves the retail establishment.
- Contactless payment is encouraged. Where not available, contact should be minimized.

Health protocols for retail and mall employees – The same protocols and criteria as the minimum standards for all employers regarding training employees on appropriate cleaning and disinfection; screening and sending home symptomatic employees; and return to work criteria apply to health protocols for retail and mall employees. And:

- Have employees wash or sanitize their hands upon entering the retailer.
- Have employees maintain at least 6 feet separation from other individuals. If such distancing is not feasible, other measures such as face covering, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, cleanliness, and sanitation should be rigorously practiced.
- If an employer provides a meal for employees, employers are recommended to have the meal individually packed for each employee.
- Consistent with the actions taken by many retailers 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.

Health protocols for retail and mall facilities – The same health protocols that apply to all facilities apply to retail and mall facilities.

Health Protocols for Retail Customers:

- Self-screen before going into a retailer for symptoms, and do not go into a retailer with any of the COVID-19 symptoms listed in the screening for employees section above.
- Wash or disinfect hands upon entering a retailer and after any interaction with employees, other customers, or items in the retailer.
- Maintain at least 6 feet separation from other individuals not within the same household. If such distancing is not feasible, other measures such as face covering, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, cleanliness, and sanitation should be rigorously practiced.
- Wash or sanitize hands after the payment process.
- Consistent with the actions taken by many individuals across the state, consider wearing cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth) when entering a retailer, or when within 6 feet of another person who is not a member of the individual's household. If available, individuals should consider wearing non-medical grade face masks.

Minimum Standard Health Protocols for Restaurants – As outlined in Governor Abbott's executive order GA-18, restaurants may operate for dine-in service up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of the restaurant, and may not offer valet services except for vehicles with placards or plates for disabled parking. As used in executive order GA-18, this applies only to restaurants that are not required to post the 51 percent sign required by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission. Restaurants may continue to provide to-go or delivery services.

Health Protocols for Serving Customers:

- Parties maintain at least 6 feet distance apart from other parties at all times, including while waiting to be seated in the restaurant.
- Make a hand sanitizing station available upon entry to the restaurant.
- No tables of more than 6 people.
- Dining:
 - Do not leave condiments, silverware, flatware, glassware, or other traditional table top items on an unoccupied table
 - Provide condiments only upon request, and in single use (non-reusable) portions.
 - Use disposable menus (new for each patron)
 - If a buffet is offered, restaurant employees serve the food to customers.

- Contactless payment is encouraged. Where not available, contact should be minimized.

Health protocols for restaurant employees – The same protocols and criteria as the minimum standards for all employers regarding training employees on appropriate cleaning and disinfection; screening and sending home symptomatic employees; and return to work criteria apply to health protocols for retail employees. And:

- Have employees wash or sanitize their hands upon entering the restaurant, and between interactions with customers.
- 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.
- 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.

Health Protocols for Restaurant Facilities:

- Consider having an employee manage and control access to the restaurant, including opening doors to prevent patrons from touching door handles.
- Regularly and frequently clean and disinfect any regularly touched surfaces, such as doorknobs, tables, and chairs.
- Regularly and frequently clean restrooms, and document the cleanings.
- Disinfect any items that come into contact with customers.
- Make hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, soap and water, or similar disinfectant readily available to employees and customers.
- Place readily visible signage at the restaurant to remind everyone of best hygiene practices.
- Clean and disinfect the area used for dining (table, etc.) after each group of customers depart, including the disinfecting of tables, chairs, stalls, and countertops.
- Clean and sanitize restaurants daily.

Minimum Standard Health Protocols for Restaurant Customers:

- Maintain at least 6 feet separation from other individuals not within the same party. If such distancing is not feasible, other measures such as face covering when not sitting at the table, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, cleanliness, and sanitation should be rigorously practiced.

- Self-screen before going into a restaurant for any new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19.
- Wash or disinfect hands upon entering a restaurant and after any interactions with employees, other customers, or items in the restaurant.
- No tables of more than 6 people.
- Customers should wash or sanitize their hands after the payment process.
- Consistent with the actions taken by many individuals across the state, consider wearing cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth) when not at the table, or when within 6 feet of another person who is not a member of the individual's household. If available, individuals should consider wearing non-medical grade face masks.

Minimum Health Protocols for Movie Theaters – As outlined in Governor Abbott's executive order GA-18, movie theaters may operate up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of any individual theater for any screening.

Health Protocols for Serving Movie Theater Customers:

- Movie theaters are encouraged to utilize remote ticketing options to help manage capacity limitations.
- Ensure proper spacing between patrons in the movie theater.
- Keep at least two empty seats (or six feet separation) between parties in any row, except as follows:
 - Two or more members of the same household can sit adjacent to one another, with two seats (or six feet separation) empty on either side.
 - Two individuals who are not members of the same household but who are attending together can sit adjacent to one another, with two seats (or six feet separation) empty on either side.
- Alternate rows between customers (every other row left empty).
- Disinfect seats and frequently touched areas between screenings.
- For movie theaters providing food service to patrons:
 - Do not leave condiments, silverware, flatware, glassware, or other traditional table top items on an unoccupied table.
 - Provide condiments only upon request, and in single use (non-reusable) portions.
 - Clean and disinfect the area used for dining (table, etc.) after each group of customers depart the theater.
 - Use disposable menus (new for each patron).
 - If the theater allows customers to write down their food orders inside the theater, provide take-home pencils and notepads that cannot be used by other customers.
 - Have wait staff sanitize or wash hands between interactions with customers.
- Movie theaters with counter food service for patrons:
 - Provide condiments or flatware only in single use, individually-wrapped items, and provide condiments only upon request.
 - Have employees follow proper food-handling protocols.
 - Disinfect any items that come into contact with customers.
- Contactless payment is encouraged. Where not available, contact should be minimized.

Health Protocols for Movie Theater Employees – The same protocols and criteria as the minimum standards for all employers regarding training employees on appropriate cleaning and disinfection; screening and sending home symptomatic employees; and return to work criteria apply to health protocols for retail employees. And:

- Have employees wash or sanitize their hands upon entering the restaurant, and between interactions with customers.
- 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.
- If an employer provides a meal for employees, employers are recommended to have the meal individually packed for each employee.
- 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.

Health Protocols for Movie Theater Facilities:

- Regularly and frequently clean and disinfect any regularly touched surfaces, such as doorknobs, tables, chairs, and restrooms.

- Disinfect any items that come into contact with customers.
- Make hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, soap and water, or similar disinfectant readily available to employees and customers.
- Place readily visible signage at the movie theater to remind everyone of best hygiene practices.
- Clean and disinfect the area used for dining (table, etc.) after each group of customers depart, including the disinfecting of tables, chairs, stalls, and countertops.

Health Protocols for Movie Theater Customers:

- Maintain at least 6 feet separation from other individuals who are not attending the movie together. If such distancing is not feasible, other measures such as face covering, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, cleanliness, and sanitation should be rigorously practiced.
- Self-screen before going into a movie theater for any new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19.
- Wash or disinfect hands upon entering a movie theater and after any interaction with employees, other customers, or items in the movie theater.
- Consistent with the actions taken by many individuals across the state, consider wearing cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth) when entering a movie theater, or when within 6 feet of another person who is not a member of the individual's household. If available, individuals should consider wearing non-medical grade face masks.
- Wash or sanitize hands after the payment process.

Museums and Libraries – As outlined in Governor Abbott's executive order GA-18, museums and libraries may operate up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy, and must close any components of the museum or library that have interactive functions or exhibits, including child play areas. Local public museums and libraries may operate only if permitted by the local government. The same minimum health protocols for employees and facilities of all businesses apply to museums and libraries.

Outdoor Sports Participation – Individuals may engage in outdoor sports, provided that the sports do not include contact with other participants, and no more than four participants play the sport at any time. Under executive order GA-18, individuals must avoid public swimming pools.

- Health protocols for participants include self-screening for COVID-19 symptoms.
- Special consideration for golf courses:
 - Clean and sanitize golf carts and push carts between uses.
 - Except for members of the same household, no more than one individual per golf cart.
 - Clean and disinfect driving range golf balls between use.
 - Ensure separation of at least 6 feet between golfers on the driving range.

Health Protocols for Churches and Places of Worship – In accordance with Governor Abbott's executive order GA-18, the following are the minimum recommended health protocols for all churches, congregations, and places of worship in Texas. Churches, congregations, and places of worship may adopt additional protocols consistent with their specific needs and circumstances to help protect the health and safety of all Texans. The same minimum standard health protocols also apply to funeral services, burials, and memorials.

Health Protocols for Attendees:

- Strongly encourage the at-risk population to watch or participate in the service remotely.
- Designate an area inside the facility reserved for the at-risk population, or offer a separate service for at-risk population attendees only.
- Ensure proper spacing between attendees.
- Keep at least two empty seats (or six feet separation) between parties in any row, except as follows:
 - Two or more members of the same household can sit adjacent to one another, with two seats (or six feet separation) empty on either side.
 - Two individuals who are not members of the same household but who are attending together can sit adjacent to one another, with two seats (or six feet separation) empty on either side.
- Alternate rows between attendees (every other row left empty).

Health Protocols for Church Employees and Volunteers:

- Train all employees and volunteers on appropriate cleaning and disinfection, hand hygiene, and respiratory etiquette.

- Screen employees and volunteers before coming into the church, congregation, or place of worship, send home any employee or volunteer with symptoms and not allow employees or volunteers with new or worsening signs or symptoms to return to work until:
- In the case of an employee or volunteer who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to work when all three of the following criteria are met: at least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications); and the individual has improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and at least 7 days have passed since symptoms first appeared; or
- In the case of an employee or volunteer who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and does not get evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, the individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to work until the individual has completed the same three-step criteria listed above; or
- If the employee or volunteer has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to work before completing the above self-isolation period, the individual must obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis.
- Do not allow an employee or volunteer with known close contact to a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 to return to work until the end of the 14 day self-quarantine period from the last date of exposure (with an exception granted for healthcare workers and critical infrastructure workers).
- Have employees or volunteers wash or sanitize their hands upon entering.
- Have employees or volunteers maintain at least 6 feet separation from other individuals. If such distancing is not feasible, then other measures including face covering, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, cleanliness, and sanitation should be rigorously practiced.
- Consistent with the actions taken by many churches, congregations, and places of worship across the state, consider having employees, volunteers, and attendees wear cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth). If available, they should consider wearing non-medical grade face masks.

Health Protocols for Church Facilities:

- Regularly and frequently clean and disinfect any regularly touched surfaces, such as doorknobs, tables, chairs, and restrooms.
- Disinfect seats between services.
- Disinfect any items that come into contact with attendees.
- Make hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, soap and water, or similar disinfectant readily available.
- Place readily visible signage to remind everyone of best hygiene practices.
- If a church or place of worship provides meals for employees, volunteers, or attendees, they are recommended to have the meals individually packed for each employee, volunteer, or attendee.
- Maintain rigorous sanitation practices like disinfection, hand washing, and cleanliness when preparing or serving anything edible.

Health Protocols for Single-Person Offices – As outlined in Governor Abbott's executive order GA-18, services provided by an individual working alone in an office may operate. The following are the minimum recommended health protocols for all single-person offices. Employers may adopt additional protocols consistent with their specific needs and circumstances to help protect the health and safety of all employees and customers.

Health Protocols for Single-Person Offices:

- Be trained on all appropriate cleaning and disinfection, hand hygiene, and respiratory etiquette.
- Self-screen for COVID-19 before coming into the office and do not go into the office with new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19.
- Do not allow employees with new or worsening signs or symptoms of COVID-19 return to work until:
- In the case of an employee who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to work when all three of the following criteria are met: at least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications); and the individual has improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and at least 7 days have passed since symptoms first appeared; or

- In the case of an employee who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and does not get evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, the individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to work until the individual has completed the same three-step criteria listed above; or
 - If the employee has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to work before completing the above self-isolation period, the individual must obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis.
- Do not allow an employee with known close contact to a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 to return to work until the end of the 14 day self-quarantine period from the last date of exposure (with an exception granted for healthcare workers and critical infrastructure workers).
 - Wash or sanitize their hands upon entering the business.
 - Maintain at least 6 feet separation from other individuals. If such distancing is not feasible, other measures such as face covering, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, cleanliness, and sanitation should be rigorously practiced.
 - Consistent with the actions taken by many businesses across the state, consider wearing a cloth face covering (over the nose and mouth) upon entering the premises and when using common areas, including elevators, restrooms, break rooms, or stairs. If available, you should consider wearing non-medical grade face masks.

Health Protocols for Single-Person Office Facilities:

- Regularly and frequently clean and disinfect any regularly touched surfaces, such as doorknobs, tables, chairs, and restrooms.
- Disinfect any items that come into contact with customers.
- Make hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, soap and water, or similar disinfectant readily available to employees and customers.
- Place readily visible signage at the business to remind everyone of best hygiene practices.

Counties With Five or Fewer Laboratory-Confirmed Cases – Rural counties may, on an individualized basis, increase capacity for restaurants, retail, shopping malls, museums, libraries, and/or movie theaters if the county judge certifies and affirms to DSHS that the following standards have been investigated and confirmed to be met:

- The county had five or fewer COVID-19 laboratory confirmed cases on April 30, 2020 or, at a later date, five or fewer active COVID-19 cases as verified by DSHS.
- The county has created a list of testing opportunities in the county or the area.
- The county has been in contact with its designated regional advisory council to ensure the community is prepared for any needed health care transfers.
- The county has provided public notice to the residents of the county, including:
 - Signs and symptoms of COVID-19.
 - Recommended health and safety protocols in line with CDC guidance.
 - Information regarding how residents can get tested in the area.
 - A link to the DSHS website where residents can go to learn about community spread in nearby communities, in order to help county residents understand their risk to exposure if they travel regularly outside of the county.
- The county has contacted each of the following types of facilities located in the county to ensure they are complying with HHS and CDC guidelines regarding COVID-19:
 - Nursing homes
 - Assisted living facilities
 - Industrial, agricultural, or business facilities with a significant number of employees
 - City or county jails
- The county is equipped and prepared to protect vulnerable populations, including nursing homes and assisted living facilities.
- The county has documented procedures to be activated if a resident becomes COVID-19 positive, including procedures to take appropriate measures as necessary in line with the plan to open Texas.
- The county has contacted DSHS in order to create a plan to ensure contact tracing will occur within 48 hours of a positive test reported to DSHS.

If the county meets the above standards and chooses to do so, the county may do the following:

- Increase dine-in restaurant capacity from 25 percent to up to 50 percent of the restaurant's total listed occupancy. All other provisions regarding restaurants still apply.
- Increase retail in-store capacity from 25 percent to up to 50 percent of the retailer's total listed occupancy. All other provisions regarding retail still apply.
- Increase movie theater capacity from 25 percent to up to 50 percent of the movie theater's total listed occupancy. All other provisions regarding movie theaters still apply.
- Increase museum and library capacity from 25 percent to up to 50 percent of the museum's or library's total listed occupancy. All other provisions regarding museums and libraries still apply.

All counties must adhere to all other provisions set forth on the previous pages, including the minimum standard health protocols.

Counties that file the attestation and qualify for 50 percent occupancy will revert to the 25 percent occupancy limits if any of the following occurs:

1. Five consecutive testing/tracking intervals with positivity rates greater than 12 percent in that interval.
2. The county has more than 3 positive cases per 1,000 residents.
3. Less than 15 percent of the surge capacity in hospitals for the catchment area is available.

Under the GA-18, the Governor may, by proclamation, return any county to the essential services-only level.

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