# Y'ALL GET READY.

RE-OPENING FORT WORTH THE RESPONSIBLE WAY



# Y'ALL STAY HEALTHY,

THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY

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## A Message from Mayor Price

To the Businesses and Establishments of Fort Worth,

As your Mayor, I know that our fight against the spread of COVID-19 has led to unprecedented circumstances, and that so many of your businesses and organizations are facing unforeseen challenges and difficulties. As a former small business owner, I recognize that you are working hard to balance the needs of your businesses, your employees, and your own families. On behalf of the City of Fort Worth, I thank you for all you have done to prioritize the health and safety of our community. Fort Worth is a compassionate city with great promise, and we will not let this pandemic diminish our values of hard work, resiliency, and perseverance.

On April 27<sup>th</sup>, Governor Abbott issued an order that now supersedes local orders and restrictions, thereby beginning a phased-in re-opening of businesses. The City of Fort Worth will continue to work with the Governor's office to ensure that his phased approach is executed thoughtfully in Fort Worth.

The City of Fort Worth stands ready as a resource for you as we work to meet the challenges of the days ahead. In that spirit, the City's Code Department has worked closely with Fort Worth's Committee on Re-Opening the Economy (CORE Team), comprised of local business and community leaders to establish a set of helpful guidelines and recommendations as you work toward re-opening your business or establishment. To be clear, these are *guidelines* – not requirements – that are outlined to help you think through what it means to live, work, and play responsibly during this time.

If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 817-392-8478 or COVID19@fortworthtexas.gov.

Thanks for doing your part to keep Fort Worth safe, healthy, and ready.

Be well,

**Mayor Betsy** 

### Resources

City of Fort Worth COVID-19 Information Governor Abbott's Open Texas Report

TDEM: Understanding "Essential Services" and "Reopened Services"

## **Business Responsibility**



## Recommendations Provided by the Governor's Strike Force to Open Texas

The City of Fort Worth will follow opening recommendations provided by the Governor's Strike Force to Open Texas. These recommendations are found <a href="here">here</a>.





#### Health Precautions You Can Take as a Fort Worth Resident

The following guidelines are designed to help you understand your role as a Fort Worth resident in helping to keep our community safe. As businesses and public spaces re-open, we ask you to continue to act safely and responsibly. This means continuing to practice social distancing while out in public, avoiding large groups, wearing facial masks and exercising constant and intentional hygiene. The guidelines below are recommendations for us in general, while we are at home and when we go out in public. We're in this together, Fort Worth!

These health and safety recommendations are based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) found <u>here</u>. For each item below, a link has been provided to share additional details from the CDC.

## General Personal Hygiene and Healthy Behavior

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If you are unable to wash your hands, use hand sanitizer containing at least 60 percent alcohol. Learn more.
- Cover your nose and mouth when going where other people are. <u>Learn more</u>.
- Learn how to make your own cloth masks <u>here</u>.
- Avoid being less than six feet away from people who do not live in your household.
  Learn more.
- <u>Learn what to do</u> if you believe you are sick from COVID-19. Most people have been able to recover safely at home.
- Older adults and people who have serious medical conditions may be at a higher risk for severe complications from exposure to COVID-19. Watch this video.

## Steps to take at home

- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces such as tables, countertops, desks, doorknobs, handles, light switches, phones, keyboards, faucets, toilets and sinks. Learn the best ways to clean these and other items <a href="here">here</a>.
- There are additional guidelines for households that contain a person sick with COVID-19, from isolating them from the rest of the household to additional cleaning procedures <a href="here">here</a>.

## Steps to take in public

- Cover your nose and mouth with a <u>cloth mask</u>.
- Avoid being closer than six feet away (two arms' length) from people that you don't live with and avoid gathering in large groups. Learn more.

## What to do if you or someone in your household become sick

- Most people who contract COVID-19 recover safely on their own by staying home, resting, taking over-the-counter medications and staying in communication with their doctors.
  - o Avoid going out in public and using public transportation.
  - o Stay home unless going out for medical care. Learn more.
- Someone with an emergency situation, such as having trouble breathing, should seek immediate medical care.