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Post-COVID-19 Remobilization of the Membership Plan

Phase III: Resuming Overnight Activities (Bivouacs, Conferences, Encampments, etc)

TXWG
Completed 8 OCT 2021

Template Updated 20 April 2021

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This plan has been developed for TEXAS Wing, using the template provided by the Civil Air Patrol National Headquarters to enter Phase III, Resuming Overnight Activities.

Additional staffing and resources have been coordinated with N/A, to cover gaps in this wing's available resources.

NOTE: *Deviations from the template are authorized, but should be coordinated by contacting the COVID-19 Planning Team at COVID-19Plans@capnhq.gov.*

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Narrative Summary of Coordination and Events To-Date in TEXAS Wing:

(Complete below, and on additional pages as-needed.)

TXWG has followed all directives in Phase 1 and 2 documentation as conditions have dictated. The Wing rolled back to Phase 1 from 5 JAN 2021 to 19 FEB 2021 based on conditions within the State of Texas. Subsequently, the Wing progressed to back to Phase 2 and onward to Phase 3.

On 6 Sept 2021, TXWG reverted to Phase 2 due to a change in data.

We have been in regular communication with Groups and have empowered them to restrict to an appropriate phase that is lower than the Wing-wide state as local conditions required. We remain watchful of conditions. As of the time of submission of this plan statistics are in the appropriate range and we are ready to enter Phase III again.

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Item#	Task	OPR/Assigned Personnel	Date Tasked	Suspense	Date Completed	Notes
3.1.	Verify current state-level guidance allows overnight events to resume	TXWG/HS	5 OCT 2021	13 OCT 2021		Periodic checks underway
3.2.	Consult with staff officers to prepare for overnight activities	TXWG/DA	5 OCT 2021	13 OCT 2021	8 OCT 2021	
3.2.1.	Coordinate with Health Services	TXWG/DA	5 OCT 2021	13 OCT 2021	8 OCT 2021	
3.2.1.1.	Check state and local health guidance regarding gatherings	TXWG/HS	5 OCT 2021	13 OCT 2021		Periodic checks underway
3.2.1.2.	Prepare to communicate with subordinate units on Health Services-related matters to continue selected public health measures	TXWG/HS, Group HSs	5 OCT 2021	13 OCT 2021	8 OCT 2021	
3.2.2.	Consult with Legal Officer about resuming overnight activities	TXWG/DA	5 OCT 2021	13 OCT 2021	8 OCT 2021	
3.2.3.	Coordinate with Director of Safety	TXWG/HS	5 OCT 2021	13 OCT 2021	8 OCT 2021	
3.2.3.1.	Verify proper planning and mitigation tools are available to staff and units	TXWG/HS	5 OCT 2021	13 OCT 2021	8 OCT 2021	
3.2.3.2.	Prepare to communicate with subordinate units on Safety-related matters	TXWG/SE, Group SEs	5 OCT 2021	13 OCT 2021	8 OCT 2021	
3.2.4.	Coordinate with Director of Cadet Programs	TXWG/HS	5 OCT 2021	13 OCT 2021	8 OCT 2021	
3.2.4.1.	Prepare recommendations for units regarding overnight activities	TXWG/CP	5 OCT 2021	13 OCT 2021	8 OCT 2021	

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Item#	Task	OPR/Assigned Personnel	Date Tasked	Suspense	Date Completed	Notes
3.2.4.2.	Prepare bullets for units to incorporate when sending messages to parents about the resumption of overnight activities	TXWG/CP	5 OCT 2021	13 OCT 2021	8 OCT 2021	
3.3.	Query commanders of subordinate units to verify that local governments do not have more restrictive social-distancing guidelines than those at the state level	TXWG/DA	5 OCT 2021	13 OCT 2021		Periodic checks underway
3.4.	Email the CAP COVID-19 Planning Team at COVID-19Plans@capnhq.gov , and copy the	TXWG/DA	5 OCT 2021	13 OCT 2021		

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	Region Commander for permission to reinstate overnight activities					
3.4.1.	Describe previous coordination accomplished	TXWG/DA	5 OCT 2021	13 OCT 2021	5 OCT 2021	
3.4.2.	Verify no jurisdictional restrictions are in place from State or Local Governments	Group CCs	5 OCT 2021	13 OCT 2021		Periodic checks underway
3.4.3.	Set date to resume overnight activities, this is the start of Phase III	TXWG/CC	5 OCT 2021	13 OCT 2021	5 OCT 2021	15 OCT 2021 is proposed.
3.4.4.	Receive approval from the CAP COVID-19 Planning Team to resume overnight activities. Plan for one-week lead time.	TXWG/DA	5 OCT 2021	14 OCT 2021		
3.5.	Publish the date that Phase III will begin to subordinate units	TXWG/CC	5 OCT 2021	14 OCT 2021		
3.6.	Task Wing Director of Safety to communicate the following to subordinate units:	TXWG/CS	5 OCT 2021	13 OCT 2021	6 OCT 2021	
3.6.1.	Units may use steady-state RM forms to mitigate local risks	TXWG/SE, Group SEs	5 OCT 2021	13 OCT 2021	6 OCT 2021	
3.6.2.	Units continue to consider face coverings, hand sanitizer, and an emphasis on hygiene during meetings and activities	TXWG/SE, Group SEs	5 OCT 2021	13 OCT 2021	6 OCT 2021	
3.7.	Task Wing Health Service Officer to communicate the following to subordinate units:	TXWG/CC	5 OCT 2021	13 OCT 2021	6 OCT 2021	

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Item#	Task	OPR/Assigned Personnel	Date Tasked	Suspense	Date Completed	Notes
3.7.1.	Health Services will continue to consider screening with no-touch thermometers prior to entry to the meeting or will require members to take their temperature at home prior to attending the activity	TXWG/HS, Group HSs	5 OCT 2021	13 OCT 2021		On-going interaction underway
3.7.2.	Health Services will educate members on the importance of monitoring their health and avoiding participation in activities if sick	TXWG/HS, Group HSs	5 OCT 2021	13 OCT 2021		On-going interaction underway
3.7.3.	Health Services will continue to educate members on public health practices such as emphasizing hygiene, having face coverings, social distancing for those at high-risk, and common surface cleaning	TXWG/HS, Group HSs	5 OCT 2021	13 OCT 2021		On-going interaction underway
3.8.	Task Wing Director of Cadet Programs to communicate the following to subordinate units:	TXWG/CS	5 OCT 2021	13 OCT 2021	8 OCT 2021	
3.8.1.	Units plan to resume formations, drill, and other close-distance activities as appropriate	Unit CPs	5 OCT 2021	13 OCT 2021	8 OCT 2021	
3.8.2.	Units draft a local message to parents to inform them about what CAP is doing to keep Cadets safe while they participate in the resumption of all manner of activities in Phase III (a return to normal post-COVID-19 operations)	Unit CPs	5 OCT 2021	13 OCT 2021	8 OCT 2021	

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3.9.	Task Wing Director of Operations to communicate the following to subordinate units	TXWG/CS	5 OCT 2021	13 OCT 2021	8 OCT 2021	
3.9.1.	Identify flight operations permitted during Remobilization Phase III	TXWG/DO	5 OCT 2021	13 OCT 2021	8 OCT 2021	
3.9.2.	Identify requirements for Senior and Cadet members to return to flying as required	TXWG/DO	5 OCT 2021	13 OCT 2021	8 OCT 2021	

Phase 3 Meeting and Activity Guidance

Unit Commanders, DCCs, and Activity Director will review the CDC's Guidance for Schools available at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/index.html> and adopt as many of the precautions as are practical for their meeting space.

1. The following limits are in place for Phase 3 meetings:

- a. Masking and social distancing will be in accordance with CDC guidelines unless there is a more stringent local requirement.
- b. When indoors, members should remain at least six feet apart (per most recent CDC guidelines for classrooms). When outdoors, cadets may conduct drill and ceremonies at normal interval including Color Guard practice and performance. Masks must be worn outdoors during these events.
- c. Temperature screening remains in effect.
- d. All members must be asked the four questions in the CDC Screening Tool Paper Form(<https://www.cdc.gov/screening/paper-version.pdf>). It is recommended that units email these questions out shortly before the meeting and instruct any member answering yes to any question not attend. Questions must still be asked upon arrival, even if they are emailed or posted in advance.

2. Recommendations for Phase 3 meetings:

- a. Hangars and garages count as outdoor space if exterior doors are open.
- b. It is recommended that guests pre-register with the unit before attending so that the unit can inform them of expectations and requirements. All guests must undergo the same screening requirements as members. Guests must follow the same distancing and other protocols.
- c. It is recommended to have potential new members attend on a scheduled night to reduce risk.

3. Recommendations for Phase 3 events:

- a. Under Phase 3, multi-day, overnight events may be held.
- b. Activity directors must complete the CAPF160 and conduct the risk management analysis and plan.
- c. All CDC masking and screening requirements remain in effect.
- d. Screening questions should be sent to participants before they leave their home station to prevent traveling to the event and then being immediately sent home.
- e. If traveling via CAP transportation, then the screening process must occur upon arrival at the rally point.
- f. If traveling via CAP transportation, then follow CAP guidelines for vehicle usage.
- g. Activity directors must record a roster of attendees and keep the information available for at least 21 days should contact tracing be required.

Phase 3 Remobilization

Unit commanders,

As we transition into Phase 3, and begin to host overnight activities again, please take the time to look over the following guidelines to continue minimizing the spread of COVID 19.

Temperature Screenings: Units should continue to perform no-touch temperature screenings prior to members entering meeting areas. Per CDC guidelines, anyone with a temperature of 100.4 F or higher should be sent home. Best practice would be for unit members to check their temperatures at home, before leaving for the meeting.

Health Education: Please remember to brief that if a member, or someone in their household is feeling well, it is best for them not to attend. Social distancing, wearing face coverings, handwashing (or hand sanitizing), and wiping down surfaces after use are all important parts of maintaining a safe environment.

Sanitation: Please continue to utilize a 'clean as you go' approach. Wipe down surfaces after each use, and at the end of a meeting, additional time should be allocated for thorough and proper cleaning.

Matthew Parker, Capt, CAP

Texas Wing Health Services Officer

Phase 3 Remobilization

Texas Wing Members,

As we transition into Phase 3, and begin to host overnight activities again, please the time to look over the following guidelines to continue minimizing the spread of COVID 19.

General Health: The best way to minimize the spread of the COVID19 virus, is to minimize exposure to others. If you are or a member of you household is feeling ill, please stay home. This is also recommended if you have a fever of 100.4 or higher. Units are being asked to check temperatures prior to entry to meeting and activity areas, but the best practice would be to take yours prior to leaving home.

Practice Good Hygiene: Proper handwashing is the number one hygiene method that can help protect you from potential exposure and infection. Using soap and water, thoroughly wash your hands for at 20 seconds. Cough or sneeze into a tissue, and immediately dispose of it. Maintain the recommended 6 feet of social distancing as much as possible, and avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with your hands.

Face Coverings: Cloth face coverings prevent the person wearing the mask from spreading respiratory droplets when talking, sneezing, or coughing. Since people can spread the virus before symptoms start, or even if people never have symptoms, wearing a cloth face covering can protect others around you. Members will wear appropriate face coverings during unit meetings and activities.

Clean as you go: Along with a thorough cleaning before and after each meeting, members should also clean surfaces after use with an appropriate cleaning and disinfecting agent.

High Risk Category: If you are in the high-risk category, it is recommended that you consult your physician prior to participating in activities. Persons considered high-risk include members who:

- Are over the age of 65.
- Have a history of a chronic lung disease, or Asthma.
- Have a serious heart condition.
- Have a compromised immune system, including cancer treatment, bone marrow or organ transplantation, immune deficiencies, and prolonged use of corticosteroids and other immune weakening medications.
- Are morbidly obese (BMI >40%).
- Have Diabetes.
- Have a kidney disease and are on dialysis.
- Have a liver disease.

Please use the above information to determine if you are healthy enough to attend meetings. If you have any questions, please contact your unit Health Services Officer, or your unit leadership.

Matthew Parker, Capt, CAP
Texas Wing Health Services Officer

Phase 3 Remobilization

Parents of Texas Wing Cadets,

As we transition into Phase 3 of remobilization, allowing us to host overnight activities again, please be assured that we will be doing everything possible to keep your cadets safe. Using guidelines from the CDC ([cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)) and Civil Air Patrol's National Headquarters, several key implementations that will help protect our members, include:

- **Temperature Screenings:** Senior members will be using a no touch system to check temperatures as members arrive at the activities. Parents and cadets can also check their temperatures at home. Anyone with a fever of 100.4F or higher is asked to stay home.
- **General Health:** Members who are not feeling well are asked to also remain at home, and not attend meetings until they feel normal. Due to a variety of signs associated with COVID19, any symptoms should be taken into consideration.
- **Hygiene:** Members will be reminded to frequently wash their hands with soap and water to help prevent the spread of germs. If not available, hand sanitizer will be used.
- **Sanitation:** Buildings where CAP activities take place will be kept clean. Surfaces of frequently touched items, such as doorknobs and keyboards will also be wiped down after use.
- **Social Distancing:** Although we are getting ready to begin activities again, social distancing will still be utilized. Members will maintain a 6 ft distance between them, and activities that usually require members to be near each other, such as formations and drill members will wear masks.
- **Monitoring:** Senior members will be closely monitoring meetings, watching for any signs that may need to be addressed.

The Texas Wing Health Services and Cadet Programs staff are committed to ensuring that the safety of our Cadets remain a top priority during this time of transition. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's safety, please contact your cadets Unit Commander, or you can contact us directly.

Thank You,

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LtCol. Stan Trull, CAP
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Parents of Texas Wing Cadets

Dear parents,

Texas Wing, Civil Air Patrol is planning to transition to Phase 3 of the CAP remobilization plan on (DATE). Texas Wing may resume large and overnight activities upon completion of the transition. This letter is intended to inform you of precautions that will remain in place and provide guidance in preparation of these activities.

Texas Wing and Civil Air Patrol's National Headquarters will continue to closely monitor conditions in Texas. If an additional outbreak occurs in Texas, it may be necessary for Texas Wing to revert to a previous phase of the remobilization plan, which could lead to the disruption of planned overnight activities. If this occurs, these activities could cancel or reschedule to a future date.

The safety and health of our members and their families is of primary importance. To that end, we will continue to follow COVID-19 safety measures and precautions as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control, the Texas Department of State Health Services, and Civil Air Patrol's national headquarters.

Among the precautions that you may expect are:

- Wear of face masks shall continue to be required as recommended by current Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance.
- Social Distancing as recommended by the CDC, which currently recommends a minimum of 6 feet separation in classrooms.
- Use of hand sanitizer, hand washing facilities, and the disinfecting of high touch areas.
- Temperature screening and contact tracing.

Adult and cadet members in a high-risk category are encouraged to exercise personal judgment in their decision to attend or refrain from attending CAP activities. Unit commanders should continue to utilize online technology to give members who cannot attend an opportunity to participate remotely in unit meetings and activities.

To assist you and your cadet in preparing for an overnight activity, we request the following:

- Cadets should not attend who have been sick in any way within the 72 hours prior to the activity.
- Cadets should not attend who have exhibited COVID-like symptoms in the previous 14 days.
- Cadets should avoid large social gatherings and limit interactions with the public for 14 days leading up to the activity.

Additional precautions will be in place for overnight activities, including temperature screening upon entry into the activity, at the start of each day, and again 8-12 hours later. If a member exhibits a temperature over 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, he or she shall be temporarily quarantined, and a second measurement will be taken at least 10 minutes later. If the second measurement exceeds 100.4 degrees, he or she shall remain quarantined and may not participate in the remainder of the event.

Social distancing shall be employed to limit interpersonal contact. Cadets participating in larger overnight activities, such as encampment, will be placed into cohorts, "flights", of cadets which will act to limit the risk of exposure to other cadets and staff. Facial coverings will to be worn unless eating, drinking, while engaged in physical fitness, or participating in an activity that makes mask wear difficult. Sleeping arrangements will also employ a 6-foot separation for social distancing, or if this is not possible (e.g., bunk beds), a "head-to-toe" arrangement will be used.

Texas Wing will continue to monitor the wing's status and may adjust the remobilization plan as additional guidance or conditions warrant. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at stan.trull@txwg.cap.gov.

Stan Trull Lt Col, CAP
Texas Wing Director of Cadet Programs
cc: all TXWG members
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19 MAY 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL MEMBERS TEXAS WING

FROM: TXWG/ADO

SUBJECT: TEXAS WING OPERATIONS COVID 19 PHASE III REQUIREMENTS

1. When the wing enters Phase III, all members participating in any CAP Flight Activity, whether it's a proficiency flight, flight academy, or any flight in between, members who have been vaccinated and are considered low risk, have the option to not wear a face mask. All members who are at a higher risk, regardless if you have received the Covid-19 vaccine, are required to continue wearing a mask. If a flight crew consists of low and high risk members, ALL, members will wear a face mask. Same goes for mission base staff and ground/UDF teams.
2. Members who are not feeling well, no matter the reason, will avoid all flying activities. If the member happens to become ill during flight, they will inform the PIC and the ill member will don a face mask and the crew will land at the nearest suitable airport and notify the mission base of such, so that the ill member can be taken care.
3. If a member is participating in a mission base or ground team activity, same applies as above, and they will isolate themselves from other members. If the member is a low risk member, they will don a face mask.

DANIEL A ROGERS, Lt Col, CAP
Assistant Director of Operations

Phase 3 Remobilization

Activity Directors and HSO's,

As we transition into Phase 3, and begin to host overnight activities, please use the following guidelines.

Activity Directors

Please ensure that there is a Health Services Officer attached to each activity. They will help coordinate the COVID 19 prevention measures for the event. If an HSO is not readily available, please contact your Group HSO. The Wing HSO can also be contacted if needed for assistance.

Health Services Officers

In preparation for an event, please work closely with the activity director and the activity safety officer to ensure that the appropriate COVID 19 prevention measures are being met. Quarantine areas and activity ending scenarios should also be part of the planning phase.

Temperature Screenings

Events should have the ability to check participants temperatures using a no-touch method. If this is not possible, temperatures will be taken by each member at home.

High Risk

HSO's will remind members who fit into the High-Risk category that their health is the most important thing, and that they need to remain home and participate virtually if that option is available. Persons who are ill, have a fever of 100.4°F or higher, or have an ill member of their household, should also be asked not to attend the event.

Activity Preparation

Ensure that the activity plan includes allocations and supplies for cleaning and sanitation, hand washing, face coverings, and social distancing. It will also include a plan for temperature checks, whether it is done at the event, or if each member self-checks at home. Please ensure that members are familiar with these guidelines.

Matthew Parker, Capt, CAP

Texas Wing Health Services Officer



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

March 2, 2021

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "R. H. Hughs", written over a horizontal line. Below the line, the text "Secretary of State" is printed.

The Honorable Ruth R. Hughs
Secretary of State
State Capitol Room 1E.8
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Secretary Hughs:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following:

Executive Order No. GA-34 relating to the opening of Texas in response to the COVID-19 disaster.

The original executive order is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "GSD", written over a horizontal line.

Gregory S. Davidson
Executive Clerk to the Governor

GSD/gsd

Attachment

Executive Order

BY THE
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

Executive Department
Austin, Texas
March 2, 2021

EXECUTIVE ORDER GA 34

Relating to the opening of Texas in response to the COVID-19 disaster.

WHEREAS, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on March 13, 2020, certifying under Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code that the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) poses an imminent threat of disaster for all counties in the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, in each subsequent month effective through today, I have renewed the disaster declaration for all Texas counties; and

WHEREAS, I have issued executive orders and suspensions of Texas laws in response to COVID-19, aimed at protecting the health and safety of Texans and ensuring an effective response to this disaster; and

WHEREAS, I issued Executive Order GA-08 on March 19, 2020, mandating social-distancing restrictions in accordance with guidelines promulgated by President Donald J. Trump and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); and

WHEREAS, I subsequently issued a series of superseding executive orders aiming to achieve the least restrictive means of combatting the evolving threat to public health by adjusting social-distancing restrictions while implementing a safe, strategic plan to reopen Texas; and

WHEREAS, under Executive Order GA-32, in effect since October 14, 2020, most establishments have been able to operate up to at least 75 percent of total occupancy, except in some areas with high hospitalizations as defined in that order, where most establishments have been able to operate up to at least 50 percent of total occupancy; and

WHEREAS, I also issued Executive Order GA-29, regarding the use of face coverings to control the spread of COVID-19, and a series of executive orders, most recently GA-31, limiting certain medical surgeries and procedures; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 hospitalizations and the rate of new COVID-19 cases have steadily declined due to the millions of Texans who have voluntarily been vaccinated, many more who are otherwise immune, improved medical treatments for COVID-19 patients, abundant supplies of testing and personal protective equipment, and Texans' adherence to safe practices like social distancing, hand sanitizing, and use of face coverings; and

WHEREAS, in the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, the legislature charged the governor with the responsibility "for meeting ... the dangers to the state and people presented by

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disasters” under Section 418.011 of the Texas Government Code, and expressly granted the governor broad authority to fulfill that responsibility; and

WHEREAS, under Section 418.012, the “governor may issue executive orders ... hav[ing] the force and effect of law;”

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and in accordance with guidance from medical advisors, do hereby order the following on a statewide basis effective at 12:01 a.m. on March 10, 2021:

1. In all counties not in an area with high hospitalizations as defined below:
 - a. there are no COVID-19-related operating limits for any business or other establishment; and
 - b. individuals are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings over the nose and mouth wherever it is not feasible to maintain six feet of social distancing from another person not in the same household, but no person may be required by any jurisdiction to wear or to mandate the wearing of a face covering.

“Area with high hospitalizations” means any Trauma Service Area that has had seven consecutive days in which the number of COVID-19 hospitalized patients as a percentage of total hospital capacity exceeds 15 percent, until such time as the Trauma Service Area has seven consecutive days in which the number of COVID-19 hospitalized patients as a percentage of total hospital capacity is 15 percent or less. A current list of areas with high hospitalizations will be maintained at www.dshs.texas.gov/ga3031.

2. In any county located in an area with high hospitalizations as defined above:
 - a. there are no state-imposed COVID-19-related operating limits for any business or other establishment;
 - b. there is no state-imposed requirement to wear a face covering; and
 - c. the county judge may use COVID-19-related mitigation strategies; *provided, however, that:*
 - i. business and other establishments may not be required to operate at less than 50 percent of total occupancy, with no operating limits allowed to be imposed for religious services (including those conducted in churches, congregations, and houses of worship), public and private schools and institutions of higher education, and child-care services;
 - ii. no jurisdiction may impose confinement in jail as a penalty for violating any order issued in response to COVID-19; and
 - iii. no jurisdiction may impose a penalty of any kind for failure to wear a face covering or failure to mandate that customers or employees wear face coverings, except that a legally authorized official may act to enforce trespassing laws and remove violators at the request of a business establishment or other property owner.
3. In providing or obtaining services, every person (including individuals, businesses, and other legal entities) is strongly encouraged to use good-faith efforts and available resources to follow the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) health recommendations, found at www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus.
4. Nothing in this executive order precludes businesses or other establishments from requiring employees or customers to follow additional hygiene measures, including the wearing of a face covering.
5. Nursing homes, state supported living centers, assisted living facilities, and long-

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term care facilities should follow guidance from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) regarding visitations, and should follow infection control policies and practices set forth by HHSC, including minimizing the movement of staff between facilities whenever possible.

6. Public schools may operate as provided by, and under the minimum standard health protocols found in, guidance issued by the Texas Education Agency. Private schools and institutions of higher education are encouraged to establish similar standards.
7. County and municipal jails should follow guidance from the Texas Commission on Jail Standards regarding visitations.
8. Executive Orders GA-17, GA-25, GA-29, and GA-31 are rescinded in their entirety.
9. This executive order shall supersede any conflicting order issued by local officials in response to the COVID-19 disaster, but only to the extent that such a local order restricts services allowed by this executive order or allows gatherings restricted by this executive order. Pursuant to Section 418.016(a) of the Texas Government Code, I hereby suspend Sections 418.1015(b) and 418.108 of the Texas Government Code, Chapter 81, Subchapter E of the Texas Health and Safety Code, and any other relevant statutes, to the extent necessary to ensure that local officials do not impose restrictions in response to the COVID-19 disaster that are inconsistent with this executive order, provided that local officials may enforce this executive order as well as local restrictions that are consistent with this executive order.
10. All existing state executive orders relating to COVID-19 are amended to eliminate confinement in jail as an available penalty for violating the executive orders. To the extent any order issued by local officials in response to the COVID-19 disaster would allow confinement in jail as an available penalty for violating a COVID-19-related order, that order allowing confinement in jail is superseded, and I hereby suspend all relevant laws to the extent necessary to ensure that local officials do not confine people in jail for violating any executive order or local order issued in response to the COVID-19 disaster.

This executive order supersedes Executive Orders GA-17, GA-25, GA-29, GA-31, and GA-32, but does not supersede Executive Orders GA-10 or GA-13. This executive order shall remain in effect and in full force unless it is modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded by the governor. This executive order may also be amended by proclamation of the governor.



Given under my hand this the 2nd
day of March, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

GREG ABBOTT
Governor

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