

Matagorda County Emergency Operation Center Press Release

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For Immediate Release:

Today May 27th, the MCHD officials are reporting no new cases. We are waiting to hear from the Texas Department of State Health Services on any additional recovered cases.

There are 2 patients in the hospital responding well to their plan of care.

The Matagorda County Emergency Operation Center again received no report from the Palacios Community Medical Center. The last report we received said 19 negative and 0 pending.

We will continue to provide press releases on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, unless something happens.

The daily numbers are being posted on the Matagorda Regional Medical Center dashboard.

<https://www.matagordaregional.org/covid19>

Our county total is 69 positive cases, of which 42 are recovered. Matagorda County's number of active cases is now 22.

These numbers are provided to the Matagorda County Emergency Operation Center by the experts at the Texas Department of State Health Services. The Texas Department of State Health Services is the official source for these numbers. They serve as the Health Department for Matagorda County

Texas Governor Greg Abbott has expanded the list of Covered Services in Executive Order GA-23 by amending items to permit food-court dining areas within shopping malls to open.

He also ordered, that water parks can operate up to 25 percent of the normal operating limits as determined by the venue owner and for indoor water parks, they can operate with up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of the water park; he reminded Texas that the venues that have video arcades must remain closed.

Starting at 12:01 a.m. on Sunday, May 31, 2020, for all Texas counties, recreational sports programs for adults may begin for practice only, and games and similar competitions may begin on June 15, 2020.

Driver education programs can start immediately for all Texas counties:

Under the direction of Governor Abbott, with the advice of the Lt. Governor, Speaker of the House, Attorney General, and Texas Comptroller:

The Governor's Strike Force to Open Texas will safely and strategically restart and revitalize all aspects of the Lone Star State—work, school, entertainment, and culture.

Please check out this site, it has hundreds of sites that offer you ways to re-open and stay safe.
It is updated on a regular basis.

<https://gov.texas.gov/organization/opentexas>

CHECKLIST FOR RETAILERS

Have employees and contractors 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 a retailer provides a meal for employees and/or contractors, the retailer is recommended to have the meal individually packed for each individual.

Consistent with the actions taken by many retailers across the state, consider having all employees and contractors wear cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth). If available, employees and contractors should consider wearing non-medical grade face masks.

Health protocols for your retail facilities:

If 6 feet of separation is not available between employees, contractors, and/or customers inside the facility, consider the use of engineering controls, such as dividers between individuals, to minimize the chances of transmission of COVID-19.

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, contractors, and customers.

Place readily visible signage at the retailer to remind everyone of best hygiene practices.

For retailers with more than 10 employees and/or contractors present at one time, consider having an individual wholly or partially dedicated to ensuring the health protocols adopted by the retailer are being successfully implemented and followed.