

## TEXAS – COVID-19 – Executive Order GA-14 by the Governor of the State of Texas – Issued 3/31/20, Expired 4/30/20

THIS ORDER DEFINES “ESSENTIAL SERVICES” ACROSS THE STATE OF TEXAS

*This Executive order supersedes Executive Order GA-08, but not Executive Orders GA-09, GA-10, GA-11, GA-12, or GA-13*

[https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/press/EO-GA-14\\_Statewide\\_Essential\\_Service\\_and\\_Activity\\_COVID-19\\_IMAGE\\_03-31-2020.pdf](https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/press/EO-GA-14_Statewide_Essential_Service_and_Activity_COVID-19_IMAGE_03-31-2020.pdf)

GENERAL TOPIC	SUMMARY	
Effective Period	4/2/20 as of 12:01 AM CT, and continues through 4/30/20, subject to extension. <b><i>This order expired 4/30/20. See summary of Executive Order GA-21 and other later orders.</i></b>	
Intent	This Executive Order is intended to define “Essential Services” state-wide and calls for individuals to, except where necessary to provide or obtain <u>essential services</u> , minimize social gatherings and minimize in-person contact with people who are not in the same household	
Failure to Comply	No penalty specified.	
Shelter in Place/Stay at Home	Every person in Texas shall, except where necessary to provide or obtain <u>essential services</u> , “minimize” social gatherings and in-person contact with people who are not in the same household.  This Executive Order does not prohibit people from accessing <u>essential services</u> or engaging in essential daily activities (such as going to the grocery store or gas station, providing or obtaining other essential services, visiting parks, hunting or fishing, or engaging in physical activity like jogging or bicycling), so long as necessary precautions are maintained and in-person contact is minimized with people who are not in the same household.	
Business Closures/Restrictions	No closures covered by this Order.  People and businesses should follow the Guidelines from the President and the CDC by practicing good hygiene, environmental cleanliness, and sanitation, implementing social distancing, and working from home if possible.  In particular, all services should be provided through remote telework from home unless they are <u>essential services</u> that cannot be conducted from home or through remote services.	
Travel	No restrictions, except that individuals traveling to Texas as their final destination from NY, NJ, CT, CA, LA, WA, Atlanta, Chicago, Detroit, and Miami, must self-quarantine from 14 days	
Consult Applicable City and County Orders	Several Texas Cities and Counties have issued more restrictive Orders. Applicable Cities and Counties should be consulted for additional orders and restrictions.	

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Essential Services	<p>“Essential services” shall consist of the following: (i) everything listed in the US Dep’t of Homeland Security Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce, Version 2.0 (CISA Guidance); (ii) religious services conducted in churches, congregations, and houses of worship; and (iii) other essential services added to this list with the approval of the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), which shall be maintained online at <a href="http://www.tdem.texas.gov/essentialservices">www.tdem.texas.gov/essentialservices</a>.</p> <p>(Requests for additions to the list should be directed to TDEM at this web page or <a href="mailto:essentialservices@tdem.texas.gov">essentialservices@tdem.texas.gov</a>.)</p>	
Social Distancing Requirements	<p>In providing or obtaining <u>essential services</u>, people and businesses should follow the Guidelines from the president and the CDC by practicing good hygiene, environmental cleanliness, and sanitation, implementing social distancing, and working from home, if possible.</p>	

**DISCLAIMER:** *This information is provided for convenience only, and should not be relied upon in making decisions for your business. As this is a rapidly changing area, reference should always be made to the official order and related interpretative guidance. If you have specific questions about how any particular jurisdiction’s Order affects your business, or other COVID-19 topics, please contact a member of the Holland & Knight’s COVID-19 Response Team – State and Local Orders and Regulations.*

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