

**COMPARISON OF GOVERNOR’S ORDERS
WITH CITY’S EMERGENCY REGULATIONS**

REGULATIONS	STATE – <u>GA-09; GA-15; GA-16; GA-17</u>	CITY/COUNTY
Going Out for Essential Services or Activities and <u>Reopened Services</u> only and Shelter in Place	People shall only leave home for essential services, essential activities, and reopened services (reopened services - effective April 24, 2020).	All individuals currently living in the City of Dallas must shelter in place, but may leave their residences only for Essential Activities, or to provide or perform Essential Governmental Functions, or to operate Essential Businesses. As of April 24, 2020, the City/County Orders will be superseded regarding “reopened services” unless the Orders are amended. Sheltering in place still allows individuals to leave their homes for essential services and activities.
Social Gatherings	Every person <i>shall</i> , except where necessary to provide or obtain essential services, <i>minimize</i> social gatherings and in-person contact with people who are not in the same household.	All individuals currently living in the City of Dallas must shelter in place; <i>all public and private gatherings</i> of any number of people occurring outside a single household or living unit <i>are prohibited</i> .
<u>Essential Services, Reopened Services, and Essential Activities</u>	Everything listed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in its Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce, Version 2.0, <i>plus religious services conducted in churches, congregations, and houses of worship</i> . Other essential services can be added by the Texas Division of Emergency Management. All “essential services” should be provided through remote telework from home unless it cannot be. People “shall avoid”: (1) eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts; and; (2) visiting gyms, massage establishments, tattoo studios, piercing studios, or cosmetology salons. The use of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options for food and drinks, however, is allowed. People are not prohibited from 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, or accessing reopened services , so long	Defines “Essential Activities;” “Essential Travel”; and “Essential Businesses.” Defines “Essential Activities” (i.e. perform tasks essential to health and safety, obtain necessary services or supplies, engage in outdoor activity, perform work at an Essential Business, care for a family member or pet, move to another residence, engage in essential travel). Beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, April 24, 2020, the City/County Orders will become inconsistent with GA-16 in that the City/County Orders do not allow non-essential retail services to provide pickup, delivery by mail, or doorstep delivery. Nor do the City/County Orders allow accessing reopened services as part of essential activities.

	<p>as the necessary precautions are maintained to reduce the transmission of COVID- 19 and to minimize in person contact with people who are not in the same household.</p> <p>Beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, April 24, 2020 “Reopened services” shall consist of retail services that are not “essential services,” but that may be provided through pickup, delivery by mail, or delivery to the customer’s doorstep in strict compliance with the terms required by DSHS. The DSHS requirements may be found at www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus. Such additional services as may be enumerated by future executive orders or proclamations by the governor.</p>	
<p>Nursing Homes/Retirement/ State Supported Living Centers/Assisted Living Facilities/Long-Term Care Facilities</p>	<p>Individuals may not visit unless to provide critical assistance as determined through guidance from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.</p>	<p>Prohibition on non-essential visitors unless critical assistance or end-of-life visitation.</p>
<p>School Closures</p>	<p>All schools are closed to in-person classroom attendance and shall not recommence before the end of the 2019-2020 school year.</p> <p>Public education teachers and staff are encouraged to continue to work remotely from home, if possible, but may return to schools to conduct remote video instruction, as well as perform administrative duties, under the strict terms required by the Texas Education Agency.</p> <p>Private schools and institutions of higher education should establish similar terms to allow teachers and staff to return to schools to conduct remote video instruction and perform administrative duties when it is not possible to do so remotely from home.</p>	<p>Public and private schools and institutions of higher education must provide a safety plan to Dallas County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management 72 hours before students return to a classroom setting.</p>

<p>Governor’s Strike Force to Open Texas</p>	<p>Created to advise the governor on safely and strategically restarting and revitalizing all aspects of the Lone Star State—work, school, entertainment, and culture. The Strike Force will represent a collaboration among medical professionals and public and private leaders, and shall have specific charges from the governor, as well as any other advisory tasks assigned by the governor.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Elective Medical Procedures</p>	<p>GA-09 has not been superseded; but, GA 15 provides an exception highlighted below:</p> <p>All licensed health care professionals and all licensed health care facilities shall postpone all surgeries and procedures that are not immediately medically necessary to correct a serious medical condition of, or to preserve the life of, a patient who without immediate performance of the surgery or procedure would be at risk for serious adverse medical consequences or death, as determined by the patient’s physician; provided, however, (effective April 21, 2020, at 11:59 pm) that this prohibition shall not apply to either of the following:</p> <p>(A) Any procedure that, if performed in accordance with the commonly accepted standard of clinical practice, would not deplete the hospital capacity or the personal protective equipment needed to cope with the COVID-19 disaster; or</p> <p>(B) Any surgery or procedure performed in a licensed health care facility that has certified in writing to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission both: (1) that it will reserve at least 25% of its hospital capacity for treatment of COVID-19 patients, accounting for the range of clinical severity of COVID-19 patients; and (2) that it will not request any personal protective equipment from any public source, whether federal, state, or local, for the duration of the COVID 19 disaster.</p>	<p>Essential healthcare operations do not include elective medical, surgical, and dental procedures as established the emergency regulations.</p> <p>As of April 22, 2020, the City/County Orders will be superseded regarding the exceptions noted in GA-15 unless the orders are amended.</p>
<p>Construction Activities</p>	<p>Essential construction activities are construction of critical infrastructure and new housing.</p>	<p>Essential construction includes infrastructure, commercial and residential construction, and schools. Elective additions are prohibited.</p>

Executive Order GA-15 begins at 11:59 p.m. on April 21, 2020 and continues until 11:59 p.m. on May 8, 2020.

Executive Order GA-16 supersedes 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 essential services **or reopened services** allowed by this executive order or allows gatherings prohibited by this executive order.

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, are suspended to the extent necessary to ensure that local officials do not impose restrictions inconsistent with the executive order, provided that local officials may enforce the executive order as well as local restrictions that are consistent with this executive order.