

COVID-19 PHASED GATING STAGES

DECREASING TRANSMISSION RATE

	GREEN MINIMAL COMMUNITY SPREAD	YELLOW MODERATE COMMUNITY SPREAD	ORANGE HIGH COMMUNITY SPREAD	RED UNCONTROLLED COMMUNITY SPREAD	
GATING CRITERIA	INCIDENCE TREND and	Flat or decline over previous 14 days in yellow phase, with no rebound*	Decline over previous 14 days in orange phase, with no rebound*	Decline over previous 14 days in red phase, with no rebound*	
	INCIDENCE RATE and	Incidence during previous 14 days stays below 1.1 per 100,000	Incidence during previous 14 days stays below 7 per 100,000	Incidence during previous 14 days stays below 12.7 per 100,000	
	POSITIVITY RATE and	Testing positivity rate stays below 5% for previous 14 days	Testing positivity rate stays below 10% for previous 14 days	Testing positivity rate stays below 15% for previous 14 days	Testing positivity rate is above 15% during previous 14 days
	HOSPITAL TREND	Flat or decline over previous 14 days in yellow phase	Decline over previous 14 days in orange phase	Decline over previous 14 days in red phase	Hospitalization not declining over 14 days
*If 5 days of consecutive increase occurs, then the jurisdiction has met the criteria for rebound and is no longer in a downward trajectory.					

INCREASING TRANSMISSION RATE

	GREEN MINIMAL COMMUNITY SPREAD	YELLOW MODERATE COMMUNITY SPREAD	ORANGE HIGH COMMUNITY SPREAD	RED UNCONTROLLED COMMUNITY SPREAD
GATING CRITERIA	INCIDENCE TREND or	No increase over previous 7 days	Increase over previous 7 days while in green phase	Increase over previous 7 days while in orange phase
	HOSPITAL TREND	No increase over previous 7 days	Increase over previous 7 days while in green phase	Increase over previous 7 days while in orange phase

The following guidelines are suggested for planning, but may be superceded by Executive Order of the Governor. Jurisdictions are encouraged to check the most recent Orders: <https://gov.texas.gov/coronavirus-executive-orders>.
Vulnerable individuals should follow the recommendations for the next-highest phase, i.e., if the County is in YELLOW Phase, a vulnerable individual should follow the recommendations for ORANGE Phase, such as avoiding gatherings of five or more people.)

	GREEN MINIMAL COMMUNITY SPREAD	YELLOW MODERATE COMMUNITY SPREAD	ORANGE HIGH COMMUNITY SPREAD	RED UNCONTROLLED COMMUNITY SPREAD
COMMUNITY MITIGATION	CAPACITY (CUSTOMERS, CLIENTS, VISITORS)	Up to maximum capacity specified by Executive Order, require distancing/masks	Up to maximum capacity specified by Executive Order, require distancing/masks	Up to maximum capacity specified by Executive Order, require distancing/masks
	SOCIAL GATHERINGS	Avoid large gatherings of over 25 people	Avoid gatherings of over 10 people	Avoid gatherings of over 5 people
	LARGE EVENTS (100+ PEOPLE - SPORTS/FAIRS/ CONVENTIONS, ETC.)	Up to 75% capacity with mitigation plan	Up to 50% capacity with mitigation plan; postpone events where possible	Avoid or postpone large events until Yellow Moderate Phase
	PARKS AND RECREATION	Prohibit large gatherings of over 25 people, require personal mitigation measures for individuals/families	Prohibit gatherings of over 10 people, require personal mitigation measures for individuals/families	Prohibit gatherings of over 5 people, require personal mitigation measures for individuals/families
PERSONAL MEASURES	MASK WEARING	Always wear a mask: - Around people who may have been exposed or recently traveled to a high-risk area - When outside the home or your personal office - Around vulnerable individuals	Always wear a mask: - Around another person who is not a household contact - When outside the home or your personal office - Around vulnerable individuals	Always wear a mask: - Around another person who is not a household contact - When outside the home or your personal office - Around vulnerable individuals
	SOCIAL DISTANCING	Maintain a minimum distance of 6'	Maintain a minimum distance of 6' with masks; recommended 10' or more wherever masks cannot be worn	Maintain a minimum distance of 6' with masks; recommended 10' or more wherever masks cannot be worn
	HAND HYGIENE	Wash hands regularly with warm water and soap for 20 seconds or more whenever using the bathroom, before and after eating, and before and after gatherings or public interaction		

