



# Re-Opening Texas

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## State of Texas Order GA-18

## What That Means for Pearland

The statewide “stay home” guidance set to expire on April 30 will be allowed to expire, but Texans are strongly encouraged to continue safe distancing practices in the weeks ahead.

The local Stay Safe at Home Order will expire in-line with the State Order, but continue to strongly urge those susceptible to infection to continue to stay at home, and encourage everyone to use face coverings, continue to practice social distancing, and practice good hygiene. The local Disaster Declaration remains in effect for the time being

Texas has a strategy in place to expand testing to 25,000 tests administered per day in early May.

We will request and support local testing sites as needed. **The next testing in Pearland will occur on May 6th at Shadow Creek Ranch High School** (11850 Broadway St, Pearland, TX 77584) from 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Phase 1 business re-opening starts Friday, May 1st

**Businesses that may re-open (up to 25% listed occupancy)** - Restaurants, retail shops, movie theaters, malls, museums, libraries, and single-person offices

**Businesses that cannot re-open** - Salons, barber shops, spas, gyms, bars, interactive amusement venues like bowling alleys and video arcades, tattoo and piercing studios, massage establishments, and interactive areas with hands-on activities (including children play areas)

Code Enforcement and Environmental Services are working with local businesses to guarantee we are prepared for phase 1, while keeping safety at the forefront.

No-contact outdoor sports are allowed, limited to groups of 4.

Parks and Recreation will continue to follow guidelines provided by the CDC and Texas DSHS. Parks are open, but playgrounds are closed, summer programs are suspended and special events (Concerts in the Park and Celebration of Freedom) have been cancelled. Parks facilities (RCN and Nature Center) plan to begin phased re-opening starting in June.

Local government operations, including county and municipal governmental operations relating to permitting, recordation, and document-filing services, as determined by the local government.

City facilities will remain closed to the public, **public meetings will be held in a digital format through the month of May**, and a phased reintegration of City staff to onsite work is expected to begin in May.