

Stay Home, Stay Safe order

What is and is not allowed under the order



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Here is what residents should and should not do during a shelter-in-place order.

WHAT TO DO:

- stay home when you can
- practice social distancing when out in public places

LEAVE HOME ONLY TO

- perform activities essential to health and safety, such as medical appointments
- get supplies or services from essential businesses
- perform outdoor activities such as exercise or walking a pet
- go to work for essential businesses and operations
- care for others who cannot care for themselves, including pets

WHAT NOT TO DO:

- gather in groups
- make unnecessary trips out of the house
- host play dates or get-togethers
- go to medical facilities unless sick, previously scheduled or in an emergency

A Stay Home, Stay Safe order was issued by the Governor of Texas on March 31st in efforts to reduce physical contact between residents during the coronavirus pandemic.

What is a Stay Home, Stay Safe order?

The shelter-in-place or stay-at-home order put in place by the City of Blanco is intended to reduce physical contact between residents. The order prohibits public gatherings but still allows for residents to perform essential activities within the 12 a.m. curfew. In this order, companies are required to have their employees stay home unless they meet specific criteria as an essential business.

How long will the order last?

The order will go into effect April 3rd at 12 a.m. and will remain in place until April 30th at 4 a.m., unless officials decide otherwise.

For which activities can I leave my home?

The order states residents can leave their home for essential activities, including getting supplies or services from essential businesses, like food, medical supplies or visiting a health care professional. Under the order, outdoor activities, like walking or hiking, are also allowed, but residents must keep 6 feet of distance. Other essential activities include going to work if the business is considered essential and caring for a family member or pet in a different household.

Which retail businesses are still open?

The businesses that will remain open under this order include grocery and liquor stores; restaurants, for take-out and delivery only; gas stations; healthcare services and pharmacies; hardware and supply stores; banks; laundry services; moving services; and funeral services.

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Here are the businesses that will remain open but with restrictions during the shelter in place order.

OPEN FOR BUSINESS:

- grocery and liquor stores
- hardware and supply stores
- banks
- pharmacies and medical services
- restaurants and bars (takeout only)
- gas and service stations
- laundry services

OTHER ESSENTIAL OPERATIONS

- social and charitable services
- child care services
- caregiving services
- trade services
- government services
- news media
- hotels and lodging

CLOSED:

- all non-essential retail
- malls
- fitness centers
- personal services, such as barbershops, salons and spas
- entertainment venues such as theaters, museums and water parks

Will day cares be open under this order?

Day care centers will be open but will be limited to 10 children or less...specifically for essential employees.

Will my trash still get picked up?

Under the order, trash and recycling services will continue, as they are considered part of critical infrastructure.

Will my mail still get delivered?

Mail and shipping services will continue to provide services as it is considered an essential business under the order.

How does this affect transportation?

Under the order, public transportation will remain. Private transportation providers, like Uber and Lyft, along with airlines and taxis, will continue to provide services. However, these transit services will only be to conduct essential activities or essential business.

What other local services will remain open during the order?

Other business and government services that are classified as essential will also remain open, with essential employees continuing to go to work. Those services include child care services for employees still required to go to work; in-home care and caregiving services; trade services, such as plumbing and electricians; hotel and lodging facilities that practice social distancing standards; and news media.

How will local schools be impacted by the order?

BISD have extended their spring break and have started planning for remote classroom instruction. The Governor of Texas has stated that schools will be delayed until May 4th.