

QUESTIONS RELATED TO CITY/COUNTY STAY HOME – STAY SAFE ORDER

How is the City/County order different than the governor’s order?

We require nonessential workers to stay home, and we require essential businesses to operate adhering to a 6’ separation or adequate shielding guidelines as well as providing sanitation procedures.

Can non-essential workers work from home?

Yes, to the extent they can do telework; however, you can’t bring clients into your household.

What is considered an essential business?

See the CISA document; plus additions from the governor’s order; plus additions from the local order, such as day care. The mayor issued earlier today an amended Stay Home - Stay Safe Order applicable to the City of Victoria only adding Libraries and Hotels to the list of entities providing Essential Services within the jurisdiction covered by this order. For additional information, please visit:

<https://www.victoriatx.org/home/showdocument?id=19415>

If I am an essential business/worker, do I need a letter or permit saying such?

No, but many businesses are providing them anyway.

What do we know is considered a non-essential business?

Per Texas Executive Order GA-14, the following are NOT considered “essential services”:

- Eating/Drinking Inside of Bars/Restaurants/Food Courts
- Cosmetology Salons
- Gyms
- Massage Establishments
- Tattoo Studios

- Piercing Studios

Can you get an exception if you are a non-essential business?

You can request a determination from the Texas Division of Emergency Management at <https://tdem.texas.gov/essentialservices/> only if you have determined that your business is not covered by one of the critical sectors identified in the DHS Guidance, and is not a church/congregation/house of worship.

Are we under a curfew?

No, our current order is seeking to control social distancing and contact amongst groups of people. A curfew would not help in this situation.

Can I take my family to the park?

Yes, but you must socially distance yourselves from others by at least 6 feet. Please note that while park equipment is open for use, there is signage posted that they are not being sanitized.

Can I go outside for a jog?

Yes, but you must socially distance yourselves from others by at least 6 feet.

Are there road blocks at the city limit?

There are not road blocks at the city limit or county lines. We are not restricting travel through the area.

Can I go hunting and fishing?

Yes, as long as you remain at least 6 feet away from your hunting/fishing buddy.

If I travel outside the county, do I need to self-isolate upon return?

If you traveled to a high-risk area within the state, we recommend isolation. However, according to our current orders, if you become symptomatic, are awaiting testing or results or have tested positive for COVID-19, you and all members of your household are required to isolate.

Can I have family over to my house?

No. our current order is a Stay Home – Stay Safe order; everyone is required to stay home unless obtaining or providing essential services.

How are patients established as recovered?

- 1) Must be a minimum of 7 days after initial symptom onset
- 2) 72 hours fever-free without using fever reducing medication
- 3) Symptom-free

****Patients must meet all three categories to be established as recovered.****

Reporting a violation of city/county order:

Call the COVID-19 Hotline at 361-580-5786, we have peace officers on hand to field any reports of violations Monday- Friday from 8-12 & 1-5.

After hotline hours please call the following nonemergency numbers Inside the City limit call Police Department: 361-573-3221. Outside the City Limits call the Sheriff's Office: 361-574-8040.