

EMPLOYEE RECOMMENDATIONS
TO KEEP YOURSELF AND YOUR CUSTOMERS HEALTHY AND SAFE

In addition to the Governor Abbott's executive order GA-18 and the minimum recommended health protocols, here are some additional recommendations for the Big Bend region:

As employees interact with a variety of customers – both local and tourists – it is important to make sure you are staying safe and healthy. It is also important to not transmit COVID-19 from you to a customer, or from a customer to yourself.

Screening Employees for Illness

- Register all employees' travel plans outside of the tri-county area, in order to quickly track down any future illnesses that may spread through the workforce.
- If you feel ill, please do not come to work!
- Assume any illness is COVID-19 and do your part to avoid spreading it.
- All employees should be screened before they begin their shifts.
 - Use a thermometer to check for fevers (a temporal thermometer is easy and accurate)
 - Temperatures do not need to be recorded or saved anywhere.
 - Any employee with a temperature of 100.0F or higher should be sent home.
 - Follow the protocols outlines on page 21-25 in the Open Texas Report

Daily Operations

- Maintain 6 feet distance from other employees. Also use masks at work, frequently wash hands, cough into the mask or elbow, and maintain cleanliness of your workspace.
- Avoid taking lunch breaks or other breaks in groups. Stay at least 6 feet away from others.
- The employee restroom should not be utilized by customers or the public.

Service to Customers/Consumers

- If any customer is noted to be ill, feverish, have coughing, difficulty breathing, or other signs of illness, they should be asked to leave and any necessary tasks should be completed by phone or online, if possible.
- All public areas where customers may congregate should remain closed or with limited occupancy. Consider removing some seating and furniture to self-limit the occupancy of these areas.
- As COVID-19 spreads easily in humid settings and through droplets, pools and other common areas with water should remain closed.
- No self-service stations of any kind should be utilized at this time as it is a high-risk area for cross-contamination.

What to do if you Feel Sick

- Do not go out in public and do not go to work until evaluated by a doctor and given guidance on how to proceed.
- Symptoms concerning for COVID-19 include:
 - Fever
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Sore throat
 - Headaches
 - Chills/shaking with chills
 - Muscle pain or Body Aches
 - Loss of taste or smell
 - Diarrhea
 - Close contact with someone with COVID-19
- If you are feeling sick, please call your doctor. They will ask where you traveled, outside of your hometown, over the last 3 weeks. This is to see if you could be of high-risk for being sick with COVID-19.
- Please proceed based on the recommendations of your doctor. If you feel severely ill or your doctor is unavailable, please call 9-1-1 or proceed to the closest Emergency Room.