

# To All Business Partners in The City of Devine

As with the trend across the country, Covid-19 cases are on the rise in our area. It is everybody's responsibility to keep everyone safe.

**Business Partners are again reminded that the Governor of Texas, Greg Abbott, has previously issued Executive Order No. GA-29 relating to the use of face coverings during the Covid-19 pandemic.**

An excerpt from the order is as follows:

Every person in Texas shall wear a face covering over the nose and mouth when inside a commercial entity or other building or space open to the public, or when in an outdoor public space, whenever it is not feasible to maintain six feet of social distancing from another person not in the same household; provided however, that this face-covering requirement does not apply to the following:

1. Any person younger than 10 years of age;
2. Any person with a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering;
3. Any person while consuming food or drink, or is seated at a restaurant to eat or drink;
4. Any person while the person is (a) exercising outdoors or engaging in physical activity outdoors, and (b) maintaining a safe distance from other people not in the same household;
5. Any person while driving alone or with passengers who are part of the same household as the driver;
6. Any person obtaining a service that requires temporary removal of the face covering for security surveillance, screening, or a need for specific access to the face, such as while visiting a bank or while obtaining a personal-care service involving the face, but only to the extent necessary for the temporary removal;
7. Any person while the person is in a swimming pool, lake, or similar body of water;

8. Any person who is voting, assisting a voter, serving as a poll watcher, or actively administering an election, but wearing a face covering is strongly encouraged;
9. Any person who is actively providing or obtaining access to religious worship, but wearing a face covering is strongly encouraged;
10. Any person while the person is giving a speech for a broadcast or to an audience; or
11. Any person in a county (a) that meets the requisite criteria promulgated by the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) regarding minimal cases of Covid-19, and (b) whose county judge has affirmatively opted-out of this face-covering requirement by filing with TDEM the required face-covering attestation form-provided, however, that wearing a face-covering is highly recommended, and every county is strongly encouraged to follow these face-covering standards.

Following a verbal or written warning for a first-time violator of this face-covering requirement, a person's second violation shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$250. Each subsequent violation shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$250 per violation.

Business Partners are also reminded to please sanitize frequently touched surfaces as needed, for example but not limited to: gas pumps, shopping carts, credit card machines and door handles.

Restaurant Partners are reminded to operate at 75% capacity and to space out tables to provide social distancing.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

City of Devine