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To South Padre Island Establishments,

Cameron County Judge Eddie Trevino has ordered that all businesses must have a **"Health and Safety Policy"** in place to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Due to the recent COVID-19 statistics showing elevated numbers, the following protective measures must be included in the **"Health and Safety Policy"** for each establishment. Federal, State, and County Health Protocols all recommend **proper hand washing/sanitizing, face coverings, social distancing**, etc. Additional information can be found below:

- **Retailer health protocols for serving your customers:**
 - Retailers are encouraged to consider dedicating a certain period of time each day for only at-risk customers or deliver purchased goods to vehicles to reduce the need for at-risk customers to enter the store.
 - If practical, monitor what items customers touch to clean or disinfect when the customer leaves the retail establishment.
 - Contactless payment is encouraged. Where not available, contact should be minimized.
 - Train all employees and contractors on appropriate cleaning and disinfection, hand hygiene, and respiratory etiquette.
- **Retailer health protocols for your retail employees and contractors:**
 - Send home any employee or contractor who has any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19: cough, shortness of breath, chills, etc... more info can be found here at <https://open.texas.gov/uploads/files/organization/opentexas/OpenTexas-Checklist-Retailers.pdf>
 - **Have employees and contractors wash or sanitize their hands upon entering the retailer**
 - **Have employees and contractors maintain at least 6 feet separation from other individuals.** If such distancing is not feasible, other measures such as face covering, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, cleanliness, and sanitation should be **rigorously** practiced.
 - Consistent with the actions taken by many retailers across the state, **consider having all employees and contractors wear cloth face coverings** (over the nose and mouth). If available, employees and contractors should consider wearing non-medical grade face masks.



- **Health protocols for your retail facilities:**
 - If 6 feet of separation is not available between employees, contractors, and/or customers inside the facility, **consider the use of engineering controls, such as dividers between individuals**, to minimize the chances of transmission of COVID-19.
 - Regularly and frequently clean and disinfect any regularly touched surfaces, such as doorknobs, tables, chairs, and restrooms.
 - Disinfect any items that come into contact with customers.
 - Make hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, soap and water, or similar disinfectant readily available to employees, contractors, and customers.

Additional information can be found at <https://open.texas.gov/> and the CDC's website <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Best Health Practices

<https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/docs/DSHS-COVID19-WhatToDo-Flyer.pdf>

Hand Wash

<https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/docs/How-To-Wash-Hands-ENGLISH.pdf>

Restaurants

<https://open.texas.gov/uploads/files/organization/opentexas/OpenTexas-Checklist-Restaurants.pdf>

Restaurant Customers

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Retailers

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HOW DO I FORM A HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY?

At a minimum, the policy must address face coverings for employees and customers over the age of 10, requiring that all visitors and employees on the business premises wear face coverings when in an area or performing an activating which will necessarily involve close contact and six feet of separation is not feasible. This policy should be visible in the place of business to employees and customers. It could be on the door, or on your front counter. Failure to comply with the State and County orders may result in fines.

Questions regarding the County order please contact (956) 356-6607.

Thank you for keeping you, your employees and your customers safe!

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