

COVID-19 Rules Published by the Office of the Texas Governor for Certain HOA Amenities as of 5.5.2020

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On May 5, Governor Abbott issued an executive order to expand openings of certain businesses and activities, and specifically impacts HOA amenities such as pools and gyms.

Amenity	Open Date	Capacity Limits and Requirements
Indoor Pools	May 8, 2020	25 percent of the total listed occupancy of the pool facility
Outdoor Pools	May 8, 2020	25 percent of normal operating limits as determined by the pool operator
Gyms, Exercise Facilities and Classes	May 18, 2020	<p>25 percent of the total listed occupancy of the gym or exercise facility (staff members are not counted)</p> <p>Locker rooms and shower facilities must remain closed, but restrooms may open</p> <p>Equipment spaced to allow at least 6 feet of separation between patrons</p> <p>Regularly/frequently clean and disinfect any regularly touched surfaces (e.g., doorknobs, tables, chairs, restrooms)</p> <p>Disinfect any items that come into contact with customers</p> <p>Provide equipment cleaning products throughout the gym or exercise facility or class for use on equipment, including dead weights</p> <p>Make hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, soap and water, or similar disinfectant readily available</p> <p>Place visible signage at the gym or exercise facility or class to remind everyone of best hygiene practices</p> <p>For facilities with 10+ employees present, consider having an individual dedicated to compliance</p> <p>NOTE: THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO PATRONS</p> <p>Wear gloves that fully cover from the wrist to the fingers while exercising</p> <p>Disinfect any equipment before and after use, including exercise machines and dead weights</p> <p>Equipment brought by the user must be disinfected before and after use (e.g., yoga mats)</p>
Splash Pads	CLOSED	People shall avoid visiting . . . interactive amusement venues such as . . . water parks, or splash pads

Links:

<https://gov.texas.gov/news/post/governor-abbott-issues-executive-order-to-expand-openings-of-certain-businesses-and-activities>

<https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/organization/opentexas/OpenTexas-Checklist-Parks-Beaches-Bodies-of-Water.pdf>

<https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/organization/opentexas/OpenTexas-Checklist-Gyms-Exercise-Facilities.pdf>

NOTE: Additional training requirements apply to gym/exercise facility staff. In addition, social distancing and isolation requirements for individuals with symptoms will still apply. The information linked above should be carefully reviewed and is subject to change. The information herein should not be considered as, or as a substitute for, legal advice, and is not intended to nor will it create an attorney-client relationship with Winstead PC. Since the materials included here are general, they may not apply to your individual legal or factual circumstances. COVID-19 facility decisions should be made in consultation with legal counsel.

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