

Occupant Load(s) based on Governors Orders for Covid-19

Per Executive Order GA-21, the following “Reopened Services” must operate at no more than 25 percent of the total listed occupancy

Retail Sales/Mercantile Services

Gross Square Footage / 60 = Total Occupancy

Total Occupancy x 0.25 = 25% Occupancy

or

Gross Square Footage / 240 = 25% Occupancy

Enclosed Shopping Malls

Gross Square Footage / 60 = Total Occupancy

Total Occupancy x 0.25 = 25% Occupancy

or

Gross Square Footage of Sales Floor / 240 = 25% Occupancy

Dine-in Restaurants

Most large restaurants already have an occupant load. Multiply it by .25 to get the 25% occupancy

For smaller restaurants; Total Number of Seating in Dining Area x 0.25 = 25% Occupancy

or

Gross Square Footage and divide it by 60 = 25% Occupancy

Non-Essential Medical/Business Offices

Gross Square Footage / 100 = Total Occupancy

Total Occupancy x 0.25 = 25% Occupancy

Event Centers / Wedding Venues

All event centers have an established occupancy load.

Total Occupancy x 0.25 = 25% Occupancy

Movie Theaters

Total Number of Seats per Theatre x 0.25 = 25% Occupancy

Swimming Pools (outdoor & indoor)

Gross Square Footage of pool divided by 50 = ___ x .25 = 25 % occupancy

Gross Square Footage of deck divided by 15 = ___ x .25 = 25 % occupancy

Churches/Places of Worship

At-risk population (those who are 65 or older, especially those with chronic lung disease; moderate to severe asthma; chronic heart disease; severe obesity; diabetes; chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis; liver disease; or weakened immune system) are asked to watch or participate service remotely.

Facility designate an area inside and reserve for at-risk population, or offer a service for at-risk population attendees only.

Ensure proper spacing between attendees.

Alternate rows between attendees (every other row left empty).

Other types of Businesses allowed to open

Cosmetology salons, hair salons, barber shops, nail salons/shops, and other establishments where licensed cosmetologists or barbers practice their trade may open by ensuring at least six feet of social distancing between operating work stations.

Tanning salons must ensure at least six feet of social distancing between operating work stations.

City Facilities shall remain closed until further notice

All city parks and recreational areas and facilities, including City tennis courts, City basketball courts, hike and bike trails, public swimming pools, water parks, splash pads, public museums and public libraries.

The area near Socorro Independent School District Student Activities Complex ("SAC") located near 1300 Joe Battle Boulevard.

The use or any type of recreational vehicle at any outdoor area is prohibited.

City parks will remain closed except for use of designated walking paths adjacent to streets, parks, or within public parks.

Franklin Mountains State Park shall remain closed until further directed by Texas State officials.

Businesses that shall remain closed until further notice

Bars, sexually oriented businesses, interactive amusement venues such as bowling alleys, video arcades, amusement parks, water parks, splash pads, massage establishments, tattoo studios, piercing studios shall remain closed until further notice.

Questions

Contact the Fire Marshal's Office at 915-212-5699

Examples for a 20,000 sq. ft. retail/mercantile store:

100% capacity = 20,000 sq. ft. / 60 = 333 max Occupancy Load

75% capacity = 20,000 sq. ft. / 60 = 333 x .75 = 250 Occupancy Load

50% capacity = 20,000 sq. ft. / 60 = 333 x .50 = 167 Occupancy Load

25% capacity = 20,000 sq. ft. / 60 = 333 x .25 = 83 Occupancy Load

Take the Gross (total) Square Footage and divide it by 240.

This will give you the exact same answer used in the formula above to get "25% capacity."

There are Protocols giving guidance on opening up your place of business. Please visit at www.epstrong.org under "Health Orders" then "Health Authority Orders."