

City of Marfa Disaster Declaration Summary

Updated 4/29/2020, remains in effect until 5/15/2020, 11:59 p.m.

Governor Abbott's 4/27/2020 Order Summary (goes into effect at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, May 1)

What's Allowed

Restaurants

- May open May 1st with 25% occupancy cap
- Parties must remain 6 feet apart
- Use disposable menus
- No shared condiments
- Contact-free payment encouraged
- Employee screening before each shift

Retailers, Malls and Movie Theaters

- May open May 1st with 25% occupancy cap
- Cloth face covering recommended
- Dedicated shopping times for at risk customers encouraged
- Contact-free payment encouraged
- Employee screening before each shift
- Play areas and food courts must remain closed

Libraries and Museums

- May open May 1st with 25% occupancy cap
- No interactive displays

Outdoor Sports

- May be played with a limit of 4 people
- Must observe social distancing from other groups

What's Not Allowed

- Public swimming pools, bars, gyms, hair salons, barber shops, massage parlors, bowling alleys, video arcades and tattoo/piercing studio must remain closed
- Nursing homes, assisted living facilities and long-term care facilities must remain closed to visitors

What does that mean for Marfa?

- If possible, City board and commission meeting should take place online
- City Hall and city buildings (library, visitor center, gas company) will remain closed to the public
- City Parks are open regular hours, but limited to 10 people at one time; sports in groups of 4 or less
- Reopened services can operate up to 25% capacity
- In accordance with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and its Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce, hotels, motels and short-term rentals may continue to accommodate essential workers and individuals who "provide for COVID-19 mitigation, containment and treatment" including tri-county residents and their caregivers who need to quarantine
- Door-to-door sales are prohibited
- Churches must comply with the governor's health protocols; virtual meetings are recommended
- Public and private gatherings are limited to 10 people
- Bars remain closed
- City utilities will not be shut off and there will be no late fees for 30 days after declarations are lifted
- Individuals who need extra time to pay utilities should contact City Hall at 432-729-4315
- Violations can result in a fine of up to \$1,000 or 180 days in jail