

# **Governor Abbott's New Executive Orders, Issued 4/17/2020**

**Today Governor Abbott announced Phase 1 of his plan for re-opening Texas, which includes:**

- Allowing elective surgeries so long as there is sufficient capacity for treatment of COVID-19 patients;
- Elder-care facilities remain closed to visitors and must minimize movement of staff between facilities;
- Reopening of non-essential retail services on a pick-up and delivery basis on April 24
- All schools closed for the remainder of the spring semester
- Parks open to groups of less than 5 people, all of whom must be 6 feet apart and wear a mask

**The next set of re-opening orders will come out on April 27th.**

## **What does this mean for Marfa?**

- Many things will stay the same for us
- Shelter in place is still in effect
- Social distancing and sanitation recommendations are still in place
- Using the parks for exercise is encouraged (when following the above guidelines)
- Beginning April 24, all retail establishments can open as long as they can offer curbside or delivery services
- Hotels, motels and short-term rentals are available only to law enforcement, military and medical personnel conducting essential work and tri-county residents and their caregivers