

Pursuant to Executive Order GA-16, issued on Friday, April 17, 2020 by Governor Greg Abbott, and effective at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, April 24, 2020, some retail businesses classified as "non-essential" in the original Stay at Home order will be able to provide "to-go" services with certain restrictions.

Here's a helpful flyer to see what the order means for you.

EXAMPLES OF ESSENTIAL RETAILERS

Grocery stores, Warehouse stores, Hardware stores, Big box stores selling essential household staples, Nurseries, Liquor stores, Businesses that sell essential office supplies needed to work from home, Auto parts and repair stores, Bicycle repair stores, RV repair and sales stores

No changes were made to how essential businesses operate. Executive Order GA-16 does not apply to "essential" businesses that have been able to operate during the Stay at Home order. The State of Texas has established a list of 17 essential businesses classifications. To see the full list, visit tdem.texas.gov.

Allowed Activities

- Visiting the doctor or healthcare provider
- Visiting the dentist
- Going to the grocery store or pet supply store
- Going to home improvement stores to purchase items to ensure well-being at home
- Engaging in outdoor activities (walk, jog, bike) with social distancing in practice and maintain six feet of space
- Picking up takeout, curbside, or drive-thru food
- Going to work at an essential business
- Caring for family members or pet at another household

Prohibited Activities

- All public and private gatherings - regardless of size
- Most nursing home visits
- Using public playground equipment
- Eating or drinking inside restaurants, bars, and food courts
- Going to a gym
- Going to a massage parlor
- Going to a tattoo and/or piercing studio
- Going to a hair salon or barbershop
- Going to a nail salon

If you have any questions about how this process applies to your retail business, please contact the Little Elm Economic Development Executive Director, Jennette Espinosa, at jk@littleelm.org.

EXAMPLES OF NON-ESSENTIAL BUSINESS THAT CAN RE-OPEN

Clothing stores, Shoe stores, Furniture stores, Appliance stores, Bookstores, Arts and Crafts/Hobby stores, Video Game stores, Home Decor stores, Health and Beauty Supply stores

Any "non-essential" businesses that will re-open using this retail to-go system must follow the guidelines provided by the Texas Department of State Health Services for the safety of employees and customers:

- Customers are NOT allowed inside the store
- Customers may buy items from a retail store for pick-up, delivery by mail, or delivery to doorstep
- All payments should be done over the phone or by internet. If not possible, contact should be minimized
- Purchased items should be delivered to the customer's trunk or backseat to minimize contact
- Any items delivered to a house should be delivered to the front door. Delivery personnel are not to enter a residence.

Employees of "non-essential" businesses that will re-open using this retail to-go system must follow the guidelines provided by the Texas Department of State Health Services:

- Routinely wash hands, disinfect work areas, and maintain social distance
 - Be screened for illness before coming into the business
- Upon entering the business, employees must wash or sanitize hands
 - Wear face coverings
- Wash or sanitize hands after each interaction with a customer

