

City of Rockport



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We have NOT received the results of the COVID-19 testing that took place last week. We have been in constant contact with the Departments of Health Services and Emergency Management and will release the information when it becomes available.

The Stay at Home Order for Aransas County and the State of Texas expires at 11:59 pm on Thursday, April 30. Beginning Friday, May 1 the curfew will be lifted, short term rentals will be allowable, and the beach and boat ramps will re-open.

As mentioned in a previous letter, retail stores, restaurants, malls, movie theaters, museums, libraries, churches and hospitals MAY reopen at 25% capacity. Because Aransas County has had less than five confirmed cases, both of which have recovered, Judge Mills signed an additional attestation allowing these locations to increase the occupancy rate for businesses to 50%.

To reopen, these businesses must conform to the Guidelines outlined in the Open Texas booklet, which may be found at <https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/organization/opentexas/OpenTexas-Report.pdf> Bars, gyms, spas, beauty salons and barbershops **ARE NOT** being allowed to open at this time.

In addition to minimum health protocols for businesses, there are also guidelines for customers, which may be found on pages 26 and 30 of the Plan. Please note that in-restaurant dining is limited to 6 or less individuals at a table.

Beginning May 4, the Aransas County Courthouse will open to the public with certain limitations. Please visit the web site for information. The offices of the City and Town will remain closed to the public.

Rockport will not be opening its parks at this time. Park Department staff is focusing on a backlog of maintenance and has a lack of staff to properly maintain sanitation of park equipment and bathrooms as well as to insure social distancing of park patrons. The Fulton Beach park will reopen, but with limited equipment as a safety precaution.

The directives made over the past few weeks have not been easy for our residents. While we apologize for the inconvenience, our decisions were based solely on the health and safety of citizens. We appreciate your efforts and ask that you continue to practice the social distancing, health measures, and respect for others that you've so successfully employed over the past few weeks.