



## FAQ's related to Open Texas and Operation Restart

*This document will be updated regularly based on the questions received related to Operation Restart here in Bryan, College Station, and Brazos County.*

- Does the 25% occupancy for retailers and dine-in at restaurants include your employees? **No, the employees are not counted in the 25% occupancy number. It only includes customers.**
- Are restaurants required to use single service utensils such as plastic spoons and forks? **Single service cutlery is recommended, but not required as long as the establishment has adequate means of sanitizing utensils between each use.**
- What distance must be maintained between tables in a dining area? **Tables must be spaced out to provide a minimum of six feet between customers.**
- Our food establishment has an outdoor seating area, does this count into the 25% occupancy? **Outdoor areas do not count into the 25% occupancy, but all tables must be spaced so that all guests can maintain social distancing (6 feet) while they are dining.**
- Is it mandatory for food establishment employees to wear a face mask? **It is not mandatory, but it is recommended by the CDC when social distancing (6 feet) cannot be maintained and by local business representatives that were on the Operation Restart Task Force. Based on the complaints received by the BCHD Environmental Health Division, customers are expecting to see employees wearing face masks as they interact with the public and when social distancing is not possible in the kitchen area.**

- When can the swimming pool in my apartment complex, HOA, or hotel open? These are all considered semi-public swimming pools and Governor Abbot has given guidance that these pools may open at 25% of the total listed occupancy of the pool facility on May 8, 2020. Social distancing (6 feet) should be maintained with those that are not from the same household.