



# Jewish Federation OF GREATER HOUSTON

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Dear Jran Community:

Today, we will go over updates from the State, County, and City; a webinar from the ADL; and what you can expect if you choose to visit the Museum of Fine Arts this weekend.

## **Governor Abbott Moves Into Stage Two of Open Texas**

Today, Governor Abbott announced Phase Two of “Open Texas.” During his [press conference](#), the Governor underscored that Phase Two depends on Texans following best practices. This means: wearing face masks when out in public, continuing to practice social distancing, and utilizing proper hygiene and sanitization. The Governor stated that without these preventative measures, we could see spikes in the number of positive cases of COVID19 and either a slower pace toward Phase Three or a retrenchment.

Here is the [new timeline](#) for businesses allowed to open:

- **New, In Effect May 31, 2020**
  - Day Youth Camp
  - Overnight Youth Camp
  - Professional Sports Without In-Person Spectators
    - basketball,
    - baseball,
    - car racing,
    - football,
    - golf,
    - softball, and
    - tennis leagues
- **New, In Effect May 22, 2020**
  - Bars (25% capacity)
  - Bowling Alleys, Bingo Halls, Simulcasting, Skating Rinks (25% capacity)
  - Rodeo / Equestrian Events (25% capacity)
  - Zoos, Aquariums, Natural Caverns (25% capacity)
- **New, Now in Effect as of May 18, 2020**
  - Child Care Centers (reduced class size)
  - Massage and Personal-Care, Beauty Services
  - Youth Clubs (10 people at a time, 6 feet separation), such as:

- Boy Scouts,
  - Girl Scouts,
  - TOP Teens (of TOP Ladies of Distinction),
  - FFA, and
  - Girls Inc.
- Youth Sports Operators
  - practices without spectators other than one parent or guardian per participant
  - games can begin June 15<sup>th</sup>, spectators should maintain at least 6 feet social distancing
- **Effective May 18, 2020**
  - Gyms / Exercise Facilities (25% capacity)
  - Manufacturers
  - Office-Based Employers (greater of 10 people or 25% w/proper social distancing)

Each business allowed to open has specific recommendations, so be sure to check the Governor's website to see the [State's checklists to opening](#). The big ones across all sectors are: face masks for all adults, frequent disinfecting, social distancing, and proper personal hygiene.

The State's official COVID19 tracker can be found [here](#). It is estimated that the State of Texas has about 19,000 active cases of COVID19 across the region. Harris County's COVID19 tracker can be found [here](#). The good news for our region is that we are well within our hospital's capacity, with ICU beds on a decline and general hospital beds flattening out.

Harris County is estimating that we currently have just over [5,700 active COVID19 cases](#).

The Mayor is announcing 139 new cases and 1 new death today. Mayor Turner also announced [13 free COVID19 testing sites](#) across the city. Keep in mind that the [Harris County Face Covering Order](#) is still in effect until May 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **ADL Webinar: Mayors on the Front Lines Against COVID-19**

The ADL will be hosting a webinar on May 21<sup>st</sup> with two mayors who will discuss the extraordinary efforts they are making to protect their residents from the effects of COVID-19 and promote kindness and solidarity in their communities. You can register [here](#).

### **Houston Museum of Fine Arts – Reopening**



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The Houston Museum of Fine Arts announced it will be opening this weekend, on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Timed entry tickets go online tomorrow. The MFH has [posted what you can expect](#) when you go for a visit. You guessed it: face masks will be required. You can expect face masks, social distancing, temperature checks, and symptom screenings as a part of our new normal.

## **In Other News...**

Amazon Prime is streaming all 3 hours and 1 minute of [Fiddler on the Roof](#). Too long? Yeah, me too. You can watch a [toddler break down Fiddler](#) in a little over 2 minutes on Facebook. If he's anything like my two year-old, this probably required a lot of fruit gummies and/or juice.

Take care today and I hope you rediscover your own traditions,

Jackie

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