

Public health guidance has been provided below by the Texas Department of State Health Services(DSHS)

Health protocols for individuals:

Individuals may not be in a group larger than 10 individuals (including those within the individual's household). Within these groups, individuals should, to the extent possible, minimize in-person contact with others not in the individual's household. Minimizing in-person contact includes maintaining 6 feet of separation from individuals. When maintaining 6 feet of separation is not feasible, other methods should be utilized to slow the spread of COVID-19, such as washing or sanitizing hand frequently, and avoiding sharing utensils or other common objects.

In certain settings, such as restaurants and bars, minimizing in-person contact is more difficult, and wearing face coverings or masks is not feasible. For this reason, tables at restaurants and bars should not exceed 10 individuals.

In other settings, the group size may be larger than 10 individuals, based on the particular recommended minimum health protocols. In those settings, individuals should, to the extent possible, minimize in-person contact and use other methods to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Self-screen before going into a business for any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:

cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, diarrhea, feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit, or known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19.

Wash or disinfect hands upon entering a business and after any interaction with employees, other customers, or items in the business.

Individuals aged 65 or older are at a higher risk of COVID-19. To the extent possible, avoid being within 6 feet with individuals aged 65 and older. Individuals aged 65 and older should stay at home as much as possible.

Carry and use hand sanitizer regularly, especially before eating.

A group in this guidance is defined as: 10 or fewer persons including household members and including those who traveled together to the event or facility. Between groups or other persons outside of the group, 6 feet of distancing must be maintained.

Lamar County Appraisal District (LCAD) reserves the right, in accordance with the recommended guidelines above, to make changes within the LCAD office that are in the interest of public health safety. **It is the individual's responsibility to not enter public places if they are exhibiting symptoms.** Anyone exhibiting symptoms outlined in the DSHS protocols above may be asked to conduct LCAD business online, through the US Postal Service or over the phone.