



Mayor's Message – April 27, 2020

I am sure most listened to the **Governor's Press Conference** with high interest about Texas Re-Opening. What this means for Horseshoe Bay:

- We will defer to the Governor's Executive Order and Llano Co. authorization effective May 1st.
- **Phase I:** All restaurants, stores/retail **may open at 50% capacity**, honoring social distancing. (Note: This is higher than standard 25% due to our county having less than 5 cases of COVID.)
- This will be monitored for 2 weeks to determine impact on COVID flare
- The resort will distribute specific details about the restaurant openings, the pro shops, the marina, but initial plans include opening The Yacht Club, 360 Café, Slick Rock, and Caprock Patio in near future with limited indoor capacity and full service outdoors/patio areas. Pro Shops may begin opening as soon as Friday. All venues will initially be limited to members/member guests.
- All other businesses (except as noted in Phase II) may open on Friday with the 50% capacity limitation. It will be determined by each business when they feel prepared so contact them. Quail Point will notify community members as to their plan of action moving forward soon.
- It is unclear how our game groups may be able to operate. Given that restaurants are opening (allowing family /friends to be seated together, but spaced from other tables), our assumption is that game tables will function in the same way....with limited capacity in rooms at 50%.
- **Phase II:** On May 18th, Phase I businesses may move to higher capacity (for us, 75%?)
- **Phase II:** The Governor will make determinations about bars, gyms, and nail/hair SALONS (thanks!) and summer camp program planning all to potentially open May 18th in some form.
- *Note: The Governor is careful to remind us that those over the age of 65 are still the most vulnerable – so as a community, please use all caution in distancing and masks (for fragile).*
- For details, go to: www.gov.texas.gov/opentexas

Recognizing the tremendous impact on the Resort financial status, the City is working to support the phased full re-opening of events and all amenities when this can occur in a safe manner this summer. We met with Ron Mitchell, President of the Resort, and Judge Ron Cunningham, along with Emergency Management Coordinator, Brent Batla to review best practices during phased openings to include sanitation, spacing, and interactions in all venues. A detailed list of this will be posted on the city website – recognizing that this will look differently in businesses of varied sizes/operations. The hope is to get people back to work in our community (over 500 lost jobs), stabilize revenue (impact on sales tax and water usage), while keeping all virus free in the process. **Working together, safely, we can succeed.**

In local news:

We did have a report from a golf member (who lives in Marble Falls) that he tested positive. He has a mild case and is isolated. All members of his group for the day have been quarantined from the golf course for two weeks. There is no reason for other members of the community to be concerned.

Our churches may reopen at 25% capacity since they are in Burnet County (except the Bible Church in Llano County may open at 50%). Each church will notify the congregation AND put out public information specific to their services and anticipated dates of operation. Processes will need to be put in place, but they may use varied settings to provide for more participation.

As we reopen our City, please do not lose sight of how we are able to do this with confidence. On the golf course, in small gatherings, shopping - please continue to keep safe distancing....and constant use of cleanliness. As we continue to take care in our practice – we literally 'take care' of each other.

