☑ CHECKLIST FOR PARKS/BEACHES/BODIES OF WATER

While parks, beaches, rivers, and lakes may be open, indoor swimming pools may operate up to 75% of the total listed occupancy of the swimming pool facility and outdoor swimming pools may operate up to 75% of the normal operating limits as determined by the swimming pool owner. Swimming pools open at the discretion of the pool owner.

All individuals age 10 and older must wear a face covering (over the nose and mouth) wherever it is not feasible to maintain six feet of social distancing from another individual not in the same household, except face coverings are not required while the person is in a swimming pool, lake, or similar body of water.

The following are the minimum recommended health protocols for all individuals visiting parks and engaging in water activities, such as visiting beaches, rivers, and lakes. These minimum health protocols are not a limit on the health protocols that individuals may adopt. Individuals are encouraged to adopt additional protocols consistent with their specific needs and circumstances to help protect the health and safety of all Texans.

The virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to others by infected persons who have few or no symptoms. Even if an infected person is only mildly ill, the people they spread it to may become seriously ill or even die, especially if that person is 65 or older with pre-existing health conditions that place them at higher risk. Because of the hidden nature of this threat, everyone should rigorously follow the practices specified in these protocols, all of which facilitate a safe and measured reopening of Texas. The virus that causes COVID-19 is still circulating in our communities. We should continue to observe practices that protect everyone, including those who are most vulnerable.

Please note, public health guidance cannot anticipate every unique situation. Individuals should stay informed and take actions based on common sense and wise judgment that will protect health and support economic revitalization.

Health protocols for individuals:

- ☐ Individuals may not be in a group larger than 10 individuals. 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.
- ☐ Self-screen before going to a park, beach, or other public open space 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
  - ☐ Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19
- ☐ Wash or disinfect hands after any interaction with employees, other customers, or items in the park, beach, river, or lake.

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- ☐ Clean and sanitize recreational water equipment before and after use.
- ☐ **Special consideration for river rafting and similar activities:**
  - ☐ Any vehicle used to transport individuals between places along the river must be cleaned and disinfected between uses.
  - ☐ If such a vehicle is a bus, alternate rows should be used.
  - ☐ Individuals should not sit within 6 feet of any other person not with the individual's group.
  - ☐ Individuals should sanitize hands before getting onto such a vehicle.
  - ☐ Face coverings are strongly recommended while on the vehicle.
- ☐ **Individuals aged 65 or older are at a higher risk of COVID-19. To the extent possible, avoid contact within 6 feet with individuals aged 65 and older. Individuals aged 65 and older should stay at home as much as possible**.