

Phase I Plan to open nonessential retail businesses in the City of Alton.

The City of Alton will start opening up nonessential businesses for Retail Curbside or Delivery only starting Friday April 24, 2020. These businesses will need to submit a Work Safe Plan, found on our City Web Site, and adhere to the DSHS guidelines.

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) has issued guidelines for non-essential retail businesses to open under Gov. Greg Abbott's latest executive order signed last April 17, 2020.

Executive Order GA-16 mandated the re-opening of certain retail services beginning on April 24, at 12:01 a.m. Retailers "that are not 'essential services,' but that may be provided through pickup, delivery by mail, or delivery to the customer's doorstep" will open "in strict compliance with the terms required by DSHS.

All employees of nonessential retail businesses must be trained on environmental cleaning and disinfection, hand hygiene, and respiratory etiquette. Face covering will be worn while conducting business.

Staff must be screened before coming into the business for new or worsening cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, fever, or contact with a person confirmed to have COVID- 19. Any employee who meets any of these criteria should stay home.

Six feet of separation, masks, face coverings and hand washing and sanitizing are required for all employees entering the business. Hand-washing is also recommended after all interactions with customers.

Customers may purchase items from a retail location for pickup or delivery by mail, but may not enter the premises.

Payments are to be made by phone or over the internet when possible and contact should be minimized if remote payment is not available.

Employees must deliver items to the backseat or trunk of the customer's vehicle whenever possible to minimize contact with the public. Employees are to sanitize every item that comes into contact with customers.

Retailers delivering items to a customer's doorstep are not allowed to enter the premises and items purchased by mail should be delivered without customer contact.