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**COVID-19 AND THE IMPACT ON THE
FIRE AND SECURITY INDUSTRY**

Topics of Discussion

- Executive Orders
- Jurisdiction Updates
- Worker Safety
- Business Continuity



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Executive Orders

City of San Antonio and Bexar County

Non-essential Business must close

Public and Private gatherings prohibited

Executive Orders

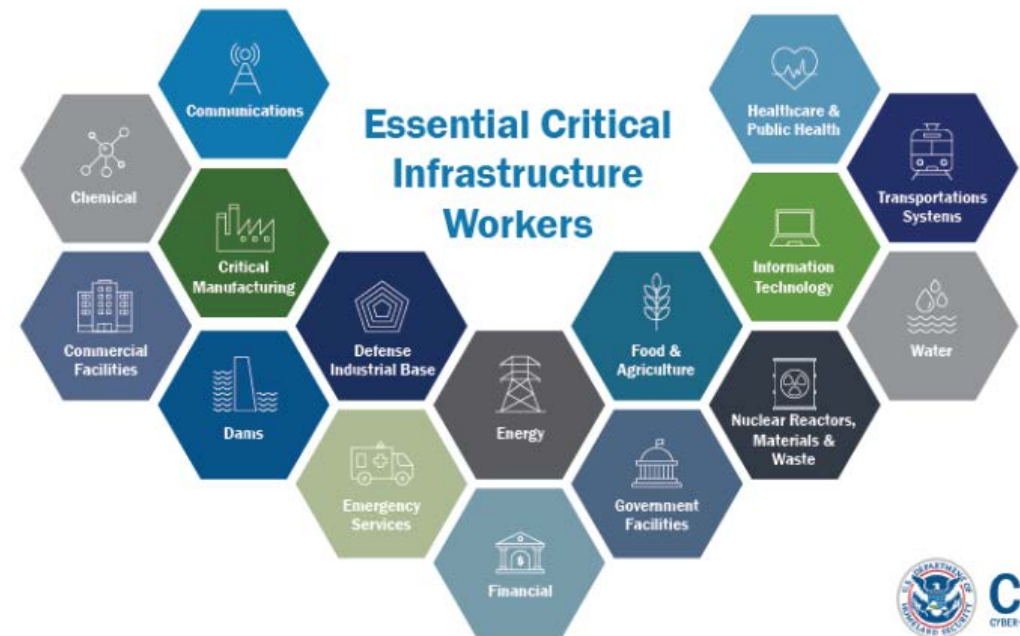
We ARE essential Business



Executive Orders

EMERGENCY SERVICES SECTOR

The ESS also includes private sector resources, such as industrial fire departments, private security organizations, and private emergency medical services providers.



Executive Orders

CISA LETTERS POSTED ON STAA WEBSITE



Jurisdiction Updates

Changes to operating hours or services

Jurisdiction Updates

City of San Antonio – Development Services

- Working remotely
- Limited office hours
- Available by telephone and by electronic mail
- Face to face meetings will be conducted by appointment only

Jurisdiction Updates

City of San Antonio – Development Services Bob Gobert

In-Office:

Tuesday: 12:30 PM to 4:30 PM
Wednesday: 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Thursday: 12:30 PM to 4:30 PM

Remote Work Site:

Monday: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM
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Jurisdiction Updates

City of San Antonio – Development Services Guillermo Cipriano

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Jurisdiction Updates

Bexar County

- Fire prevention inspections have been placed on hold

Jurisdiction Updates

City of Leon Valley

- Moved to online submittal process
- MyPermitNow
- Link available via City's Planning and Zone Dept website
- Plan reviews and inspections conducted as normal

Worker Safety

Occupational Risk Pyramid
for COVID-19



Worker Safety – Medium Risk

Medium Exposure Risk

Medium exposure risk jobs include those that require frequent and/or close contact with (i.e., within 6 feet of) people who may be infected with SARS-CoV-2, but who are not known or suspected COVID-19 patients. In areas without ongoing community transmission, workers in this risk group may have frequent contact with travelers who may return from international locations with widespread COVID-19 transmission. In areas where there is ongoing community transmission, workers in this category may have contact be with the general public (e.g., in schools, high-population-density work environments, and some high-volume retail settings).

Worker Safety – Medium Risk

Jobs Classified at Medium Exposure Risk

What to Do to Protect Workers?

Worker Safety – Medium Risk

Engineering Controls

Install physical barriers, such as clear plastic sneeze guards, where feasible.

Worker Safety – Medium Risk

Administrative Controls

Consider offering face masks to ill employees and customers until they are able leave the workplace (i.e., for medical evaluation/care or to return home).

Worker Safety – Medium Risk

Administrative Controls

Keep customers informed about symptoms of COVID-19 and ask sick customers to minimize contact with workers until healthy again.

Worker Safety – Medium Risk

Administrative Controls

Where appropriate, limit customers' and the public's access to the worksite, or restrict access to only certain workplace areas.

Worker Safety – Medium Risk

Administrative Controls

Consider strategies to minimize face-to-face contact (e.g., drive through windows, phone-based communication, telework).

Worker Safety – Medium Risk

Administrative Controls

Communicate the availability of medical screening or other worker health resources (e.g., on-site nurse; telemedicine services).

Worker Safety – Medium Risk

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Workers with medium exposure risk may need to wear some combination of gloves, a gown, a face mask, and/or a face shield or goggles.

Worker Safety – Medium Risk

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

PPE ensembles for workers in the medium exposure risk category will vary by work task, the results of the employer's hazard assessment, and the types of exposures workers have on the job.

Worker Safety – Low Risk

Lower Exposure Risk (Caution)

Lower exposure risk (caution) jobs are those that do not require contact with people known to be, or suspected of being, infected with SARS-CoV-2 nor frequent close contact with (i.e., within 6 feet of) the general public. Workers in this category have minimal occupational contact with the public and other coworkers.

Worker Safety – Low Risk

Jobs Classified at Lower Exposure Risk
(Caution)

What to Do to Protect Workers

Worker Safety – Low Risk

Engineering Controls

Additional engineering controls are not recommended for workers in the lower exposure risk group.

Worker Safety – Low Risk

Administrative Controls

Monitor public health communications about COVID-19 recommendations and ensure that workers have access to that information.

Worker Safety – Low Risk

Administrative Controls

Collaborate with workers to designate effective means of communicating important COVID-19 information.

Worker Safety – Low Risk

Personal Protective Equipment

Additional PPE is not recommended for workers in the lower exposure risk group. Workers should continue to use the PPE, if any, that they would ordinarily use for other job tasks.

Business Continuity

- Funding
- Alarm Monitoring
- Contracts & Insurance
- Employees

Business Continuity Industry Funding

Alarm Funding Associates

<http://www.alarmfundingassociates.com/>

Alarm Financial Services

<https://www.alarmfunding.com/>

Acquisition & Funding Services

<https://www.afssmartfunding.com/>



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Source: Google Search “alarm company funding”

Business Continuity Govt Funding

SBA LOANS

On 3/17/20, Texas Governor Greg Abbott requested designation from the Small Business Administration (SBA) Economic Injury Disaster Declaration to access the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program for the entire state of Texas.



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Source: <https://www.sanantonio.gov/Health/News/Alerts/CoronaVirus#281783833-businesses->

Business Continuity Govt Funding

SBA LOANS

To begin the loan application process:

<https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>



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Business Continuity Govt Funding

0% INTEREST LOAN PROGRAM

Through a partnership with LiftFund, the City of San Antonio helps make 0% interest loans available to qualifying local small, minority, and women-owned businesses.



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Business Continuity Govt Funding

0% INTEREST LOAN PROGRAM

Loans range from \$500 to \$100,000 and can be used to help start-up or existing business.



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Business Continuity Alarm Monitoring

You must continue to pay your monitoring bill throughout this economic slowdown.

Monitoring Centers are continuing operations, are still appropriately staffed, and continue to respond to your customers signals.

Business Continuity Contracts & Insurance

Force Majeure (Acts of God) clauses

Civil Authority clauses

Business Continuity Contracts & Insurance

Life Insurance

Business Interruption

Living Will



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Business Continuity Employees

SHARED WORK PROGRAM

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) encourages employers to enroll in the Shared Work program as an alternative to layoffs. The voluntary Shared Work program was developed to help Texas employers and employees withstand a slowdown in business such as the impact of COVID-19.



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SHARED WORK PROGRAM

For more information visit:

<https://twc.texas.gov/businesses/shared-work>



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Business Continuity Employees

Unemployment Benefits

On 3/17/20, Texas Governor Greg Abbott instructed the Texas Workforce Commission to waive the waiting week, for Unemployment Benefits.



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Unemployment Benefits

Additional Services:

<https://www.workforcesolutionsalamo.org/>



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