

Guidance for TCEQ Contractors

This guidance addresses TCEQ contractors' questions about whether to continue work in areas covered by local COVID-19 stay-at-home orders. In short, work performed under TCEQ contracts is not subject to local orders.

On March 13, 2020, Governor Greg Abbott issued a [disaster proclamation](#) for all counties. Pursuant to [Executive Order GA-08](#) (March 19, 2020), "all critical infrastructure will remain operational," and "government entities and businesses will continue providing essential services." On March 25, 2020, the [Office of the Attorney General issued further guidance](#), clarifying that local orders "may not restrict the ability of any State agency, State agent or State contractor to provide government services." Therefore, if your work directly or indirectly supports critical infrastructure or is an essential service, you should continue performing this work.

The following work should continue:

- Work that directly or indirectly supports critical infrastructure of the State;
- Work that directly or indirectly supports essential services provided by the agency;
- Work that can be performed remotely or through telework; and
- Other work that can be performed safely.

As specified in your Contract, the Contractor is responsible for ensuring that work is performed in a safe manner. Please refer to the Center for Disease Control and Texas Department of State Health Services websites and other appropriate sources of information for proper protocols for dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, including proper social distancing.

If you believe for any reason that you cannot perform work under the Contract, notify your TCEQ Contract/Project Manager immediately.