



DRIPPING SPRINGS CHAMBER of COMMERCE since 1984

October 13, 2020

Hopefully you enjoyed the long weekend of beautiful weather and successfully avoided the ragweed & dust!

Big news for this week: Following Governor Abbott's latest statement, Hays County Judge Ruben Becerra announced that **"bars or similar establishments" can (finally!) re-open** as of October 14th! Occupancy capacity will be limited to 50% and establishments must stop serving alcohol by 11pm. Additional restrictions apply but this is a **HUGE** step putting us one step closer to "normal". And it is great news for an industry that has endured closures since March! Be sure to visit these businesses now that they are back open for business – bars, wineries, breweries, distilleries & tasting rooms all need our full support!

If you have additional questions about current business openings and capacities related to COVID-19, a summary of the latest protocol revisions and Executive Order can be found by visiting the [Open Texas Checklists](#) page. For further details on minimum standard health protocols laid out by the Texas Department of State Health Services, as well as additional guidelines for businesses, visit the [Open Texas website](#).

Nominations are being accepted for the Chamber's 2021 Board of Directors. Let us know *by October 16th* if you are interested in serving in one of the three upcoming vacancies. [Members may nominate themselves or another member for consideration.]

COMING UP THIS WEEK:

Texas Conference for Employers presents Lunchtime Live!: A 90-minute Employment Law Session

Wednesday, October 15th at Noon [REGISTER HERE](#)

- Unemployment Claims: General Overview for Employers
- Unemployment Taxes: Chargeback and Reimbursing Employers
- Best Practices for Maintaining a Safe Workplace
- Payroll Tax 101 discussion

The **Texas Workforce Commission** has additional resources for employers including a section geared for small businesses (fewer than 100 employees). If you are looking for information on topics that include expanding your business, recruiting employees or navigating employment law, visit their [website](#).

BUY LOCAL, BUY DRIPPIN'! Remember to **SHOP, EAT & ENJOY LOCAL!** Retailers & service providers are diligently planning for the holiday season so be sure to check them out whether in person or online – no need to wait! Please continue to utilize the [Chamber's FOOD GUIDE](#) for a list of links, contact information & options for dine-in, takeout or delivery; it's a printable pdf that can also be viewed on your phone while on the go. Thank you for supporting local and small businesses whenever possible. Your patronage benefits our entire community!

SHOP SMALL SATURDAY will be held on November 28th. Stay tuned for details on tickets for this great event that supports our local businesses and take care of your holiday shopping right here in Dripping Springs! [Christmas on Mercer](#), sponsored by the [Dripping Springs Lions Club](#) & the [City of Dripping Springs](#), will be held the following week on December 5th.

To schedule an in-person meeting please call us at (512) 858-7000 or send us an email: [amanda@drippingspringstx.org] or [susan@drippingspringstx.org] Please continue to check our website, social media pages and emails for the latest updates & announcements.

Dripping Springs – **WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER.**

Susan Kimball

President/CEO

**The mission of the Dripping Springs Chamber of Commerce is to provide business leadership and advocacy for the continuous improvement of the economic environment. **