



“Stay Home, Work Safe” Order

Things are certainly changing every day, and most of you likely are aware of the “stay at home” orders enacted by local officials in various counties across Texas, including Harris and Travis counties that are now in effect.

The orders also reflect the seriousness of the situation we find ourselves in and the importance of staying home and exercising social distancing when around other people to flatten the curve, so as to and not inundate our medical system and mitigate the damage from this unprecedented event.

The Houston order, which largely mirrors other counties’ orders, generally provides that:

- People should stay at home except for essential needs and those with jobs that are essential to the health and safety of the community.
- Businesses, except for essential businesses, will be required to cease all activities. Essential businesses must maintain six-foot distancing as best as possible.
- The order exempts essential workers covered in the [16 Critical Infrastructure Sectors](#) outlined by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency: Chemical; Commercial Facilities; Communications; Critical Manufacturing; Dams; Defense Industrial Base; Emergency Services; Energy; [Financial Services](#); Food and Agriculture; Government Facilities; Healthcare and Public Health; [Information Technology](#); Nuclear Reactors; Materials and Waste; Transportation Systems; and Water and Wastewater Systems.
- Restaurants will be allowed to continue takeout, delivery, and drive-thru service, but restaurants must keep customers six feet apart.
- Daycares that provide support for essential employees will be open.
- All public and private gatherings outside of a single household or living unit will be prohibited, except for essential activities. That includes gathering essential supplies like groceries or pet food.
- Residents can leave their homes to care for a family member or pet in another household.
- Parks will remain open as long as visitors maintain social distancing and stay six feet apart. No benches, playground equipment, or anything that can be touched should be used.
- Religious and worship services will be only via video and live stream, but faith leaders can minister one-on-one as long as social distancing is maintained.
- If someone in a household has tested positive for COVID-19, the household will be required to isolate and will not be allowed to go offsite to work.



What does that mean for Briggs & Veselka and our subsidiaries?

Under the order, [Briggs & Veselka](#) and its subsidiaries, [B&V Capital Advisors \(BVCA\)](#) and [B&V Pathway Forensics](#), all are considered essential businesses, per the federal list of organizations critical to community infrastructure. Therefore, our businesses remain fully operational.

Since we became a fully remote workforce as of March 18, 2020, little will change in our employees' workdays or the firm's business operations. Our world-class technology and platforms allow us to do our jobs without interruption and communicate with you effectively via video, email, or phone.

Information on Our Office Locations:

- **Houston, Greenway Plaza** – The building will be closed to the public starting March 25, 2020.
- **Pathway Forensics** – The building is still open to the public. [Download our evidence retrieval, processing, and return policy during COVID-19.](#)
- **The Woodlands** – The building is still open to the public.
- **Austin** – The building will be closed to the public starting March 25, 2020.
- **El Campo** – The building is still open to the public.

We are dedicated to the high-quality client support you expect from our firm, so please communicate directly with your service partner or case manager directly, or [email us](#) if you have any questions.

Stay safe and healthy.