



ABILENE CHAMBER

## DAILY BUSINESS BRIEF

*Skimming the daily updates for your business so you don't have to.*

### POLLS OPEN 7 A.M.-7 P.M. TODAY AT 22 VOTING CENTERS IN TAYLOR COUNTY

Election day is today. Practice your right by voting!

You will be asked to show photo ID to vote. Acceptable forms include:

- Texas driver's license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS);
- Texas election ID certificate
- Texas personal ID card; Texas handgun license
- US military ID with photo
- US citizenship certificate with photograph (doesn't need to be current)
- a US passport.

Forms must be current or expired less than four years. For voters aged 70 or older, the acceptable form of photo identification may be expired for any length of time if the identification is otherwise valid.

Go [here](#) to find where you can vote today.

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### UPDATE ON AMERICAN TRAVEL IN THE PERIOD OF THE CORONAVIRUS

As we have seen at other points in the pandemic, the current increase in cases has heightened Americans' concerns for their health and financial safety and adversely impacted feelings about travel—although there are signs that travel sentiment and behavior may not be as significantly impacted as during previous surges. Testing and social distancing look most promising for bringing air travel back faster, while strict masking policies are likeliest to bring resistant shoppers back to retail stores.

[Read more.](#)

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### HOW WE CAN STOP THE SPREAD AND KEEP AMERICA SAFE & OPEN

With coronavirus cases surging in states across the country, we are at a pivotal moment in our fight against the pandemic. Today, we know significantly more about the virus and how to prevent the spread than we did when the first wave hit earlier this year.

Back in the spring, communities were forced to resort to drastic measures and sweeping economic shutdowns as they searched for answers and unpacked medical data and recommendations in real time. Fast forward to today, and we have made significant progress in learning how to slow the spread and keep our local economies running while

keeping Americans safe and healthy.

Now, it's up to every one of us to make use of what we have learned, take preventative action, and help keep our loved ones healthy, our communities strong, and our local economies and businesses open. Here's what we know works – and what we all must do to slow the spread.

Throughout the [Path Forward](#) series, we've heard from scientists and public health officials that it is important to wear a mask, maintain physical distancing, wash our hands, and get a flu shot. Each one of these steps is important, but the real key is layering all of them together to maximize protection and reduce the spread of these deadly viruses.

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#### WHAT WE'RE READING

### **One more roundup before the election**

*Win, lose or draw, after the final ballot has been counted, we'll need to figure out how to move forward as a country.*

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### **Abilene city manager encouraging people to wear a mask, slow spread of COVID-19**

*Abilene City Manager Robert Hannah is encouraging people to wear a mask in an attempt to slow spread of COVID-19.*

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***You don't want to miss these upcoming event for***

*your business.*

#### **NOV 17-19 CORPORATE CITIZENSHIP CONFERENCE: BUSINESS SOLVES**

A virtual event —held in conjunction with the 21st annual Citizens Awards—about confronting the extraordinary economic and health challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the call for inclusion and equity that has swept our communities and workplaces into a new era, all while trying to build a more sustainable world. Discussions will focus on how business will lead through our recovery and chart a resilient path forward, working hand in hand with cross-sector partners to help our communities emerge stronger. Featured speakers will include Blackrock CEO Larry Fink, Khan Academy founder & CEO Sal Khan, Ad Council President & CEO Lisa Sherman, and more [Register here.](#)

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