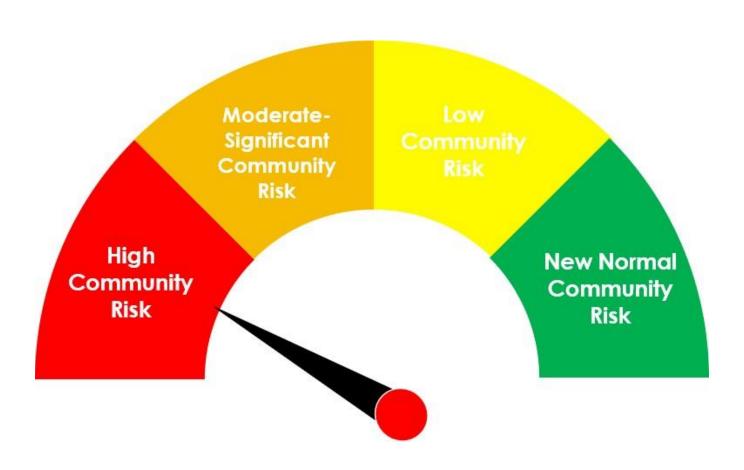
During an outbreak, the risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, may vary from very high to relatively lower risk. The level of risk depends in part on the environment, type of activity performed, and the potential for close contact (within 6 feet of another person) for a repeated or extended period. To help Residents determine appropriate precautions, Fort Bend County has adopted four color levels to characterize the different risk exposure levels, consisting of high, moderate low and new normal.





Fort Bend County COVID-19 Community Risk Level Summary

Risk Level	Risk Description	Activity	Guidance
High Community Risk	High potential for exposure to known or suspected sources of COVID-19.	 Avoid all gatherings of any size. Avoid non-essential business and personal travel. Avoid public transportation where possible. Practice good hygiene and social distancing. Cancel social visits to nursing homes, long term care facilities, and hospitals. Schools and after-school activities for youth close, as directed by educational authorities & advised by local health authorities. 	STAY HOME, STAY SAFE Minimize contact with others, wherever possible, and avoid leaving home, except for essential needs. Practice social distancing and use face coverings.
Moderate to Significant Community Risk	High potential for exposure to known or suspected sources of COVID-19.	 Avoid and cancel medium (10-250 people) and large public private gatherings (250+) Avoid non-essential business and personal travel. Use public transportation with caution. Practice good hygiene and social distancing. Cancel social visits to nursing homes, long term care facilities, and hospitals. Resume activities for schools and after school activities following state and public health guidance. 	Minimize contact with others, but begin leaving the home for non-essential needs, except medium and large gatherings. Practice social distancing and use face coverings.
Low Community Risk	Frequent/close contact with people who may be infected, but who are not known to be infected.	 Avoid and cancel medium (10-250 people) and large public private gatherings (250+) Avoid non-essential business and personal travel. Use public transportation with caution. Practice good hygiene and social distancing. Avoid social visits to vulnerable populations in nursing homes, long term care, facilities, and hospitals. Resume activities for schools and after school activities following state and public health guidance. 	Resume contact with others and resume leaving the home, even for larger gatherings. Practice social distancing and use face coverings.
New Normal Risk	Minimal and controlled level of COVID-19 new chains of transmission have been limited.	 Resume attending public and private gatherings freely. Resume large indoor and outdoor gatherings. Resume non-essential business and personal travel. Avoid other states or countries where widespread transmission may still be occurring. Resume full public transportation use. Resume social visiting of vulnerable populations while practicing good hygiene and social distancing. Resume activities for schools and after school activities. Resume school and after school activities as normal. 	Resume normal contact with others unless sick.

