

ISTC is working diligently to evaluate operations that reflect industry demand following Governor Abbott's orders and guidelines to reopen the state of Texas on May 1, 2020. In accordance with the governor's plan, ISTC will be implementing a phased approach at our brick and mortar facilities. Beginning Friday, May 1, 2020, ISTC locations will operate at a limited capacity (not to exceed 25%). This approach will continue to maintain social distancing measures including:

- Screening of all individuals upon entry to include temperature checks and wellness survey.
- Onsite class size has decreased with designated seating 6 feet apart.
- Taped off areas outside the facility to provide 6 feet of distance between those waiting in line.
- Tenting has been provided outside to shield waiting visitors from the external elements.
- Increased janitorial services to ensure all high traffic areas and equipment are thoroughly disinfected every hour (or as needed).
- Increased hand sanitizer and hand washing stations placed throughout all ISTC facilities.

For those scheduling courses at a brick and mortar facility during this time, please ensure that clear communication is delivered to trainees to arrive only at the designated arrival time for the enrolled course. Limited access will be available due to COVID-19 social distancing protocols.

The ISTC Distance Learning platform (online training) is fully operational and has proven to be a robust and helpful training resource, available 24/7 for all the industry facilities we currently support. Any facility interested in adding courses to this platform should send approval to Shandi Conner, Director of Client Relations ([shandi@istc.net](mailto:shandi@istc.net)) or Katie Celli, Assistant Director of Client Relations ([katie.celli@istc.net](mailto:katie.celli@istc.net)) and the site specific will be published to this platform.

Prime Occupational Medicine location at ISTC Beaumont will open Friday, May 1, 2020, with limited capacity. Prime's location at ISTC Baytown is currently operational.

During this time, we continue to strive to provide the highest quality service to our community through excellence in training and compliance. Thank you for your support of ISTC.