Risk Level	Risk Description	Activity	Public Health Guidance	Changing level from red to green* (All Criteria must be met)	Changing level from Green to Red
High Community Risk	Outbreaks are widespread and the healthcare system (including hospitals, testing, and tracing capacity) is strained	• Avoid gatherings of non-household and multiple unknown contacts • Avoid Non-essential business and personal travel • Avoid public transportation where possible • Practice Good Hygiene and social distancing • Cancel visits to nursing homes, long term care facilities and hospitals	Minimize contact with unvaccinated and high risk people wherever possible and avoid crowded gatherings regardless of size. Practice physical distancing, wash hands frequently, stay home when ill, and use face coverings.	• 14 day flat or decreasing trend in new COVID-19 cases • 14 day flat or decreasing trend in daily COVID-19 hospital and ICU population • 14-day average of fewer than 15% of hospital population in use by COVID-19**	
Moderate to Significant Community Risk	High/moderate potential for exposure to known or suspected sources of COVID-19; health care system has adequate capacity but could be exceeded if multiple outbreaks occur	• Avoid and cancel medium (10-250 people) and large public and private gatherings (250+) • Avoid non-essential business and personal travel • Use public transportation with caution • Practice good hygiene and social distancing • Cancel visits to nursing homes, long-term care facilities and hospitals	Minimize contact with unvaccinated people and those at high risk for severe disease, Avoid crowed gatherings where vaccination status is unknown. Practice physical distancing, wash hands frequently, stay home when ill, and use face coverings	• 14 day flat or decreasing trend in new COVID-19 cases • 14 day flat or decreasing trend in daily COVID-19 hospital and ICU population • 14-day average or fewer than 10% of hospital population in use by COVID-19 patients**	• 7 day increasing trend in new COVID-19 cases • 7 day increasing trend in daily COVID-19 hospital population • 3-day average or greater than 15% of current ICU beds in use by COVID-19 patients
Low to Moderate Community Risk	Significant sustained reduction in community transmission; controlled community spread	• 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 visits to vulnerable populations in nursing homes and long-term facilities and hospitals	Resume contact with others, but minimize unnecessary contact with the most vulnerable and those who are unvaccinated. Practice physical distancing, wash hands frequently, stay home when ill, and use face coverings in crowded indoor spaces	• 14 day flat or decreasing trend in new COVID-19 cases • 14 day flat or decreasing trend in daily COVID-19 hospital and ICU population • 14-day average or fewer than 5% of hospital population in use by COVID-19 patients** • Availability of a safe and effective vaccine to protect against SarsCoV-2	• 7 day increasing trend in new COVID-19 cases • 7 day increasing trend in daily COVID-19 hospital population • 3-day average or greater than 15% of current ICU beds in use by COVID-19 patients
Minimal Community Risk	Minimal and controlled level of COVID-19 in Fort Bend County. New chains of transmission are rare	• Resume attending public and private gatherings freely. • Resume non-essential business and private travel. Avoid other states and countries where widespread and transmission may still be occurring. • Resume full public transportation use. • Resume visiting vulnerable populations while practicing good hygiene and social distancing.	Resume normal contact with others unless sick		• 7-day increasing trend in new COVID-19 cases

*With inconsistent data reporting, the change between levels may not occur on the same day metrics are met to ensure adequate time to verify source of spikes due to data dumps or backlogged reporting from outside systems.