

COVID-19 Restrictions Imposed On Some Bastrop County Businesses

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In October 2020, Governor Abbott issued Executive Order GA-32, which set limits and operating thresholds for businesses in areas with high COVID-19 hospitalization rates.

Under criteria laid out in GA-32 ([Executive Order GA-32](#)), Bastrop County now meets the definition of a high-hospitalization area. That means three big changes:

- 1) Elective surgeries may not be conducted,
- 2) some businesses cannot be open at the higher occupancy levels allowable under GA-32; this specifically means that retail and restaurants are reduced from 75% occupancy to 50% until we can get the numbers down, and
- 3) Bars, as defined by the TABC, have to close for in-person service.

There are other impacts, all which can be reviewed in GA-32.

As County Judge, I am asking each business to comply with these more strict limits immediately. Working together to slow the spread of this virus is the best way to get these additional restrictions lifted. Let's all wear a face covering in public, keep distanced from others when possible, and practice good hygiene.

Although GA-32 allows counties in TSAs with high hospitalizations to choose to operate at 75 percent capacity under certain conditions of attestation, Bastrop County has had too many COVID-19 cases in the past 14 days to qualify for attestation. (More information on the attestation process may be found at this link dshs.texas.gov/ga32/).

For questions specifically related to hospitals obligations under GA-32, please contact the Health and Human Services Commission at infohflc@hhs.texas.gov. If you have questions specific to the impact on businesses regulated by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, please visit tabc.texas.gov/coronavirus or contact TABC at questions@tabc.texas.gov.

Thank you, Judge Pape