



BUSINESS OPERATIONS REDUCTION DUE TO COVID19

Elgin, Texas January 8, 2021 – The City of Elgin is located in Bastrop and Travis Counties, both counties have been notified by Department of State Health Services that we are located in Trauma Service Area O, which has exceeded 15% hospital capacity for COVID-19 hospitalized patients for seven consecutive days. **In accordance with the Governor’s Order GA-32 paragraph 2, all restaurants, retail stores, office buildings, manufacturing facilities, gyms and exercise facilities and classes, museums, libraries are required to return to reduced occupancy levels and may now only operate at up to 50% percent capacity and in accordance with paragraph 7 of that Order bars will be required to close.**

“Each of us can do our part to help stop the spread of COVID19 and relieve the strain on our hospital system. We all want our businesses to be open as fully as possible, so we cannot relax. For a few more months, we must wear our face masks publicly, practice good hand hygiene, and limit our exposure to others as much as possible," said Mayor Ron Ramirez.

The counties included in the Trauma Service Area O with 50% occupancy restrictions are: Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Llano, Travis, and Williamson. The Department of State Health Services says the following counties in Trauma Service Area O have qualified for and submitted an attestation to continue operating at 75%: Lee and San Saba County. Bastrop County Office of Emergency Management stated that because Bastrop County has had well over 30 COVID19 cases reported in the last 14 days, Bastrop County does not qualify for an exemption. In order for these additional restrictions to be lifted COVID19 hospitalizations will have to be below 15% for seven consecutive days.

Businesses regulated by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, please visit www.tabc.texas.gov/coronavirus or contact TABC at questions@tabc.texas.gov

Link to Governor Abbott’s order <https://gov.texas.gov/news/post/governor-abbott-issues-executive-order-to-open-bars-in-qualifying-counties-in-texas>

Additional information here www.dshs.texas.gov/ga32/ and www.elgintx.com/1065/COVID-19

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