

**Media Release from Lampasas County Judge, Randy Hoyer
January 6, 2021**

On January 5, 2021, I received notification from the Texas Department of State Health Services that Trauma Service Area L, which includes Lampasas County, has exceeded the 15% total hospital capacity for seven consecutive days for COVID-19 patients.

Under Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA-32, issued October 7, 2020, Lampasas County may not conduct elective surgeries or reopen to the higher levels allowable under GA-32. In areas with high hospitalizations, any business establishment that otherwise would have a 75 percent occupancy or operating limit may operate at up to only 50 percent, until such time as the Trauma Service area has seven consecutive days in which the number of COVID-19 hospitalized patients as a percentage of total hospital capacity is 15 percent or less.

Local businesses and establishments should refer to Executive Order GA-32 for specific details regarding their operation. <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/ga32/>

Until the COVID-19 vaccine is readily available to all residents of Lampasas County, I encourage you to continue wearing a face covering in public, wash your hands, and maintain social distancing.

Randy Hoyer, Lampasas County Judge



January 5, 2021

The Honorable Randy Hoyer
Lampasas County Judge
501 E 4th Street
Lampasas, Texas 76550

Via electronic mail to randy.hoyer@co.lampasas.tx.us

Dear Judge Hoyer:

On Wednesday, October 7, 2020, Governor Abbott issued Executive Order GA-32, which supersedes GA-30. Significantly, GA-32 updates the thresholds for areas with high hospitalizations.

The new definition of areas with high hospitalizations is:

Any Trauma Service Area (TSA) that has had seven consecutive days in which the number of COVID-19 hospitalized patients as a percentage of total hospital capacity exceeds 15 percent, until such time as the Trauma Service Area has seven consecutive days in which the number of COVID-19 hospitalized patients as a percentage of total hospital capacity is 15 percent or less.

Under the criteria laid out in GA-32, your area, TSA L, meets the definition of a high hospitalization area and so may not conduct elective surgeries or reopen to the higher levels allowable under GA-32.

TSA L includes the following counties:

- Bell
- Coryell
- Hamilton
- Lampasas
- Milam
- Mills

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Data on hospitalizations may be found at dshs.texas.gov/ga32/.

GA-32 allows counties in TSAs with high hospitalizations to choose to operate at 75 percent capacity if:

- the county has fewer than 30 cases reported over the last 14 days, and
- the county judge submits an attestation to DSHS.

More information on this attestation process may be found at the link above.

If you have questions about this notice or your obligations under Executive Order GA-32, please contact us at coronavirus@dshs.texas.gov. Please enter "Executive Order 32" in the subject line for proper routing.

If you have questions specifically related to the 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Hellerstedt", followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

John Hellerstedt, MD

cc: Mayors in Lampasas County