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Executive Order GA-32

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Executive Order GA-32 (Effective October 14, 2020)

On October 8, 2020, Governor Greg Abbott issued [Executive Order GA-32](#) to reopen certain venues to 75% capacity and allow resumption of elective surgeries in certain counties. Counties that reside in [Trauma Service Areas \(TSAs\)](#) with high COVID-19 hospitalizations are excluded from these reopenings.

Per the GA-32, areas with high hospitalizations means any Trauma Service Area 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.

A county within a TSA that has high hospitalizations may still reopen up to 75% if the county meets attestation parameters established under GA-32.

GA-32 took effect on October 14, 2020.

Counties

The following counties are part of Trauma Service Areas where, for the last seven days, 15% or more of total hospital capacity has been COVID-19 patients.

Trauma Service Area A (Amarillo)

 [microscopic example of a coronavirus](#)

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|------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|
| • Armstrong* | • Donley | • Hutchinson | • Potter |
| • Briscoe | • Gray | • Lipscomb* | • Randall |
| • Carson* | • Hall | • Moore | • Roberts |
| • Childress | • Hansford | • Ochiltree | • Sherman |
| • Collingsworth* | • Hartley | • Oldham* | • Swisher |
| • Dallam | • Hemphill* | • Parmer | • Wheeler |
| • Deaf Smith | | | |

Trauma Service Area B (Lubbock)

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|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| • Bailey | • Dawson | • Hockley | • Lynn |
| • Borden* | • Dickens* | • Kent* | • Motley* |
| • Castro | • Floyd* | • King* | • Scurry |
| • Cochran* | • Gaines | • Lamb | • Terry |
| • Cottle* | • Garza | • Lubbock | • Yoakum |

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- Crosby*
- Hale

Trauma Service Area D (Abilene)

- Brown
- Callahan*
- Coleman*
- Comanche
- Eastland
- Fisher*
- Haskell*
- Jones
- Knox*
- Mitchell*
- Nolan
- Shackelford*
- Stephens
- Stonewall
- Taylor
- Throckmorton*

Trauma Service Area E (Dallas/Ft. Worth)

- Collin
- Cooke
- Dallas
- Denton
- Ellis
- Erath
- Fannin
- Grayson
- Hood
- Hunt
- Johnson
- Kaufman
- Navarro
- Palo Pinto
- Parker
- Rockwall
- Somervell
- Tarrant
- Wise

Trauma Service Area F (Paris)

- Bowie
- Cass
- Delta*
- Hopkins
- Lamar
- Morris*
- Red River*
- Titus

Trauma Service Area G (Longview)

- Anderson
- Camp*
- Cherokee
- Franklin
- Freestone*
- Gregg
- Harrison
- Henderson
- Houston
- Marion
- Panola
- Rains*
- Rusk
- Shelby
- Smith
- Trinity
- Upshur
- Van Zandt
- Wood

Trauma Service Area H (Lufkin)

- Angelina
- Nacogdoches
- Polk
- Sabine*
- San Augustine
- San Jacinto
- Tyler

Trauma Service Area I (El Paso)

- Culberson
- El Paso
- Hudspeth

Trauma Service Area L (Belton/Killeen)

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

Trauma Service Area M (Waco)

- Bosque
- Falls
- Hill
- Limestone
- McLennan

Trauma Service Area N (Bryan/College Station)

- Brazos
- Burleson
- Grimes
- Leon*
- Madison*
- Robertson
- Washington

Trauma Service Area O (Austin)

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| • Bastrop | • Lee* |
| • Blanco | • Llano |
| • Burnet | • San Saba* |
| • Caldwell | • Travis |
| • Fayette | • Williamson |
| • Hays | |

Trauma Service Area P (San Antonio)

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|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| • Atascosa | • Frio | • Kerr | • Real* |
| • Bandera | • Gillespie | • Kinney* | • Uvalde |
| • Bexar | • Gonzales | • La Salle | • Val Verde |
| • Comal | • Guadalupe | • Maverick | • Wilson |
| • Dimmit | • Karnes | • Medina | • Zavala |
| • Edwards | • Kendall | | |

Trauma Service Area Q (Houston)

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| • Austin | • Montgomery |
| • Colorado | • Walker |
| • Fort Bend | • Waller |
| • Harris | • Wharton |
| • Matagorda | |

Trauma Service Area R (Galveston)

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| • Brazoria | • Jefferson |
| • Chambers | • Liberty |
| • Galveston | • Newton |
| • Hardin | • Orange |
| • Jasper | |

Trauma Service Area S (Victoria)

- Calhoun*
- DeWitt
- Goliad*
- Jackson
- Lavaca
- Victoria

Trauma Service Area T (Laredo)

- Jim Hogg
- Webb
- Zapata

Trauma Service Area V (Rio Grande Valley)

- Cameron
- Hidalgo
- Starr
- Willacy

*county has qualified for and submitted an attestation to operate at 75%.

Attestation for Counties in High Hospitalization TSAs with Minimal COVID-19 Cases

Under GA-32, DSHS continues to oversee an attestation process for counties with minimal cases to allow them to choose to operate at 75 percent capacity for certain businesses. This attestation process is an option for counties that have minimal cases and reside in TSAs with high hospitalizations.

The criteria for entering the attestation process is updated effective October 12, 2020. A county may newly enter the attestation process if:

- the county has fewer than 30 confirmed COVID-19 cases reported in the last 14 days, and
- the judge submits a certification of certain other criteria (the attestation process).

[County Trends Dashboard](#)

The [attestation form](#) (PDF) is to be completed by the county judge and emailed to coronavirus@dshs.texas.gov. Please use the term “Attestation” in the subject line of the email for proper routing.

See the [list of counties that have qualified for and submitted an attestation](#).

Hospitalization Data

COVID-19 Patients as a Percentage of Total Hospital Capacity (Effective October 14, 2020)

Executive Order GA-32 defines high hospitalizations as any Trauma Service Area that has had seven consecutive days in which the number of COVID 19 hospitalized patients as a percentage of all hospital capacity exceeds 15%.

The formula for this metric is: Lab Confirmed COVID-19 Patients Currently in the Hospital divided by Total Hospital Capacity.

- Lab Confirmed COVID-19 Patients Currently in the Hospital is the total number of patients in the hospital who have tested positive for COVID-19 by molecular test. This includes pediatric and adult COVID-19 patients.
- Total Hospital Capacity is the number of staffed available and occupied beds. This includes pediatric and adult hospital patients, general and ICU beds, inpatient and outpatient beds, emergency department beds, and telemetry and psychiatric beds.

DSHS updates these data daily, which may be found in the following locations:

- [Hospitalization Dashboard](#)
- [Combined Hospital Data over Time by Trauma Service Area \(TSA\)](#)

County Case Data

Executive Order GA-32 allows counties in TSAs with high hospitalizations to choose to operate at 75% capacity if the county has minimal COVID-19 cases. Effective October 12, 2020, minimal cases is defined as when a county has reported fewer than 30 new confirmed cases in the last 14 days.

DSHS updates these data daily, which may be found in the following locations:

- Data charts at the [County Trends Dashboard](#)
- [New Cases over Time by County](#) (since 9/1)

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