



ATTESTATION FOR COUNTIES WITH MINIMAL LABORATORY-CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID-19

Counties may, on an individualized basis, increase capacity under [Executive Order GA-32](#) if the following standards have been investigated and confirmed to be met:

1. The county must have 30 or fewer new COVID-19 cases during the previous 14-day period.
2. The county has created a list of testing opportunities in the county or the area.
3. The county has been in contact with its designated RAC to ensure the community is prepared for any needed health care transfers.
4. The county has provided public notice to the residents of the county, including:
 - Signs and symptoms of COVID-19.
 - Recommended health and safety protocols in line with CDC guidance.
 - Information regarding how residents can get tested in the area.
 - A link to the DSHS website where residents can go to learn about community spread in nearby communities, in order to help county residents understand their risk to exposure if they travel regularly outside of the county.
5. The county has contacted each of the following types of facilities located in the county to ensure compliance with HHSC and CDC guidelines regarding COVID-19:
 - Nursing homes
 - Assisted living facilities
 - Industrial, agricultural, or business facilities with a significant number of employees
 - City or county jails
6. The county is equipped and prepared to protect vulnerable populations, including nursing homes and assisted living facilities.
7. The county has documented procedures to be activated if a resident becomes COVID-19 positive, including procedures to close businesses or facilities as necessary in line with the plan to open Texas.
8. The county has contacted DSHS in order to create a plan to ensure contact tracing will occur within 48 hours of a positive test reported to DSHS.

If the county meets the above standards and chooses to do so, the county may increase capacity for certain businesses as detailed by Executive Order GA-32.



All counties must adhere to all other provisions set forth on the previous pages, including the standard health protocols.

The stricter statewide restrictions will be re-applied if a county exceeds 30 new COVID-19 cases during a 14-day period. The county judge will be notified by email by DSHS, and the county will be required to comply with all aspects of GA-32. After a 14-day waiting period, if the county has fewer than 30 new COVID-19 cases during the previous 14-day period, the county judge will be eligible to reapply for exemption.

Send the signed attestation form, including the supplemental county information, to the Department of State Health Services Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) website at: <https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/>. Please include the word "attestation" in the subject line for proper routing.

I hereby certify and affirm that all the foregoing conditions are met, and that I will provide all relevant county information below found in the supplemental county information section.

Name: James E. Teal, McMullen County Judge

Signature:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James E. Teal". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned over a horizontal line.

Date: 12/8/2020



Supplemental County Information

Section C – County Information:

Are there hospitals located in your county? Yes No If yes, number of hospitals:

Is your community considered a healthcare shortage area? Yes No

Are there licensed physicians, physician assistants, and advanced practice nurses in your county? Yes No

Is there a healthcare clinic in your county? Yes No If yes, the number of healthcare clinics: 1

Is COVID-19 testing available in your county? Yes No

Is a mobile testing site operational in your county? Yes No

Has your county requested a mobile testing site? Yes No

Section D – Vulnerable Populations

Is there a nursing home in your county? Yes No If yes, the number of facilities:

Is there an assisted living facility in your county? Yes No If yes, the number of facilities:

Section E – Large Facilities

Are there industrial, agricultural, or business facilities with a significant number of employees in your county? Yes No

Are there city or county Jails in your county? Yes No

Are there any large residential state facilities in your county? Yes No