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RE: Reinstatement of 75% Capacity per GA-32 and the Reopening of Bars at 50%

Dear Citizens of Fannin County,

On October 7, 2020, Governor Abbott issued [Executive Order GA-32](#). In this order, it updates the thresholds for areas with high hospitalizations. This is defined as:

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.

Fannin County is in Trauma Service Area E which now has had more than seven consecutive days of under 15% hospitalization rate. The percentages may be viewed by clicking [HERE](#), selecting the Hospitals-Regional tab at the bottom and then scrolling to and clicking on Trauma Service Area E.

THEREFORE, in accordance with GA-32, as of today, February 17, 2021, the following are in effect:

- (1) All Fannin County restaurants, retail stores, office buildings, manufacturing facilities, gyms and exercise facilities and classes, museums, and libraries may return to a maximum of 75% occupancy levels.
- (2) **Bars and similar establishments- as of February 18:** The TABC has approved the Opt-In Form for Fannin County. Bars and similar establishments located in Fannin County may reopen with the following restrictions in accordance with Governor Abbott's [Executive Order GA-32](#) :
 - A. Maximum occupancy level is 50%
 - B. Follow the guidelines set out for Bars and Bar Patrons at www.opentexas.org.
 - C. Follow any additional guidelines listed in [Executive Order GA-32](#).

Additionally, all licensed hospitals in the Trauma Service Area may now continue with elective surgeries as set forth in [Executive Order GA-31](#). The Health and Human Services Commission, the agency responsible for regulating hospitals in Texas, is separately providing notice directly to affected hospitals notifying them of the ability to resume elective surgeries located in TSA E.

If the hospitalization rate goes above 15% for seven consecutive days in the future, Fannin County will again have to revert back to 50% capacity. Let's continue to utilize best practices such as masks, hand washing and social distancing to keep our citizens safe and our level of hospitalizations down.

It has been a blessing to see our communities work together in unity to help make it through these unprecedented times. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Randy Moore

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