

# STATEMENT FROM HASKELL COUNTY JUDGE

**Haskell is no longer an exempt county due to the number of COVID-19 cases in the county.**



**GOVERNOR'S ORDER, JULY 2, 2020:** Governor Greg Abbott issued an Executive Order requiring all Texans to wear a face covering over the nose and mouth in public spaces in counties with 20 or more positive COVID-19 cases, with few exceptions. The Governor also issued a proclamation giving mayors and county judges the ability to impose restrictions on some outdoor gatherings of more than 10 people, and making it mandatory that, with certain exceptions, people cannot be in groups larger than 10 and must maintain 6 feet of social distancing from others.

[2020-07-02 Governor's Executive Order GA-29 Relating to the Use of Face Coverings during COVID-19](#)

[2020-07-02 Governor's Order Disaster Proclamation Amending GA-28 Mass Gatherings](#)

To view all of Governor Abbott's executive orders regarding COVID-19, click here:

<https://lrl.texas.gov/legLeaders/governors/displayDocs.cfm?govdoctypeID=5&governorID=45>

## Executive Order GA-29

Every person in Texas shall wear a face covering over the nose and mouth when inside a commercial entity or other building or space open to the public, or when in an outdoor public space, wherever it is not feasible to maintain six feet of social distancing from another person not in the same household.

## Exceptions

The following people are exempt from the rule:

- Children 10 years old or younger.
- Any person with a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering.
- Those living in counties that have established with the state that there are very low numbers of COVID-19 infections. [A list of exempt counties](#) is maintained on the TDEM website.

Masks are not required when participating in the following activities:

- Eating, drinking, or while seated at a restaurant.
- Exercising outdoors (as long as proper social distancing is maintained).
- Driving (as long as all passengers live in the same household).
- Obtaining a service that requires the temporary removal of the face covering.
- Swimming.
- Voting, working as a poll watcher, assisting a voter, or administering an election.
- Participating in religious worship or providing access to religious worship.
- Giving a speech or broadcast to an audience.

Also:

- The mask requirement **does** apply to those participating in a protest of 10 or more people when 6 feet of social distancing is not maintained or not possible.

## Penalties

Penalties for not complying with this order:

- First time violations: Verbal or written warning.
- Subsequent violations: Fine not to exceed \$250.

A person may not be detained, arrested, or confined in jail for refusing to adhere to this order. However, law enforcement may consider someone who refuses to leave the premises a trespasser and may enforce trespassing laws accordingly.

**PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASK!**