



**Wood County Judge Lucy Hebron
Quitman, Texas
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(3:30 p.m.)**

COVID-19 Update

On October 7, 2020, Governor Greg Abbott issued Executive Order No. GA-32 (“Executive Order”). The Executive Order addressed several topics, including occupancy for business establishments; occupancy limits for outdoor areas, events, and establishments; indoor and outdoor professional, collegiate, and similar sporting events; outdoor gatherings in excess of 10 people; restaurants; bars or similar establishments; and more.

Please refer to the Executive Order by clicking on the link below:

https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/press/EO-GA-32_continued_response_to_COVID-19_IMAGE_10-07-2020.pdf

With regard to bars or similar establishments that hold a permit from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (“TABC”), Governor Abbott has extended authority to the County Judges of counties that are not in an area with high hospitalizations to allow such establishments to offer on-premises services at up to 50 percent of the total listed occupancy of the establishment. However, this is dependent on the Office of the County Judge filing a requisite form with the TABC. In addition, there are specific protocols that the establishments and patrons must follow, as outlined in the Executive Order and the Texas Department of Health and Human Services. These protocols can be reviewed by clicking on the links below.

Checklist of Protocols for Bars and Similar Establishments:

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/docs/opentx/Bars.pdf>

Checklist of Protocols for Bar Patrons:

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/docs/opentx/Bar-Patrons.pdf>

The Executive Order goes into effect at 12:01 a.m. on October 14, 2020.

The Office of the County Judge of Wood County has submitted the requisite form to TABC, and it is pending review and approval. If you have a bar or similar establishment that may be impacted by the Executive Order, please send an email to COVIDinfo@mywoodcounty.com to request further information.