



ATTESTATION FOR RURAL COUNTIES WITH FIVE OR FEWER LABORATORY CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID-19

Rural counties may, on an individualized basis, increase capacity for restaurants, retail, and/or movie theaters if the county judge certifies and affirms to the DSHS that the following standards have been investigated and confirmed to be met:

1. The county had five or fewer COVID-19 laboratory confirmed cases on April 30, 2020 or on a later date, if the county had 5 or fewer active COVID-19 cases as verified by DSHS.
2. The county has created a list of testing opportunities in the county or the area.
3. The county has been in contact with your designated Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) to ensure the community is prepared for any needed health care transfers.
4. The county has provided public notice to the residents of your 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 your county to ensure they are complying 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 do the following:

- Increase dine-in restaurant capacity from 25% to up to 50% of the restaurant's capacity - All other provisions regarding restaurants still apply.
- Increase retail in-store capacity from 25% to up to 50% of the retailer's capacity - All other provisions regarding retail still apply.
- Increase movie theater capacity from 25% to up to 50% of the movie theater's capacity - All other provisions regarding movie theaters still apply.
- Increase museum and library capacity from 25% to up to 50% of the museum's or library's total listed occupancy. All other provisions regarding museums and libraries still apply.

All counties must adhere to all other provisions set forth on the previous pages, including the standard health protocols listed on the DSHS website, as amended by the April 27, 2020 update.

The stricter statewide restrictions to 25% of the total listed capacity for establishments listed in GA-18 will be-re-applied if:

1. Five consecutive testing / tracking intervals with positivity rates > 12% in that interval; or
2. The county has more than 3 positive cases per 1,000 residents; or
3. Less than 15% of the surge capacity in hospitals for the catchment area is available.

NOTE: Under GA-18, the Governor may, by proclamation, return any county to the essential services-only level.



Send the signed attestation form, including the supplemental county information, to the Department of State Health Services Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) email at: coronavirus@dshs.texas.gov. 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: _____

Title:_____

County:_____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



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: _____

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