



COMAL COUNTY

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Governor's Executive Order means capacity cutbacks and closures in Comal County

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NEW BRAUNFELS (December 28, 2020) - Comal County has received word from Dr. John Hellerstedt, Commissioner of the Department of State Health Services; businesses that operate at 75% capacity now have to cut back to 50% capacity.

That's because Comal County is part of Trauma Service Area P, which for the last seven days has exceeded 15% or more of total hospital capacity with COVID-19 patients.

As Per Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA-32, any business that is operating at 75% capacity in a Trauma Service Area with seven consecutive days in which the number of COVID-19 hospitalized patients as a percentage of total hospital capacity exceeds 15 percent must now cut back to operating at only 50% capacity.

"This pandemic has been extremely challenging for many of our businesses, and these new restrictions are even more difficult," said Comal County Judge Sherman Krause. "We hope these limitations help bring the virus under control, and more importantly, are short-lived so our community can get back to supporting our economy."

Besides the new capacity restrictions, the recent surge of COVID-19 hospitalizations in TSA P activates the provision in the Governor's Executive Order stating that all bars in Comal County must close.

Effective immediately, all elective surgeries in Comal County are suspended.

These are the dates and percentages affecting TSA P as per the Department of State Health Services.

1. Dec. 21- 15.13%
2. Dec. 22- 15.67%
3. Dec. 23- 16.23%
4. Dec. 24- 16.09%
5. Dec. 25- 16.39%
6. Dec. 26- 16.88%
7. Dec. 27- 15.97%

The new restrictions will be lifted and capacity returns to 75% once TSA P is below 15% for seven consecutive days.

The public can find more data on hospitalizations at dshs.texas.gov/ga3031/.