

**ORDER BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF TRAVIS COUNTY****County Judge Order 2021-09; Relating to COVID-19 and Requirement to Wear Face Coverings in Travis County Facilities**

**Whereas**, on March 6, 2020, a Declaration of Local Disaster was issued by the Travis County Judge to allow the County of Travis (“County” or “Travis County”), Texas, to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to COVID-19 and promote the health and safety of Travis County residents; and

**Whereas**, on March 13, 2020, a Declaration of State of Disaster was issued by Governor Greg Abbott to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of Texans; and

**Whereas**, the virus that causes COVID-19 is contagious and spreads through person-to-person contact, especially in group settings; and

**Whereas**, COVID-19 continues to menace the health of County residents and with the presence of the Delta variant, a highly transmissible and more contagious variation of COVID-19, Dr. Desmar Walkes, the Austin-Travis County Health Authority has implored individuals to wear face coverings to prevent further transmission of COVID-19; and

**Whereas**, cases and hospitalizations continue to increase in Travis County as new variants, such as the Delta variant, spread throughout the community and Austin Public Health and the Local Health Authority recommend that individuals take additional precautions such as wearing a face covering even if vaccinated, as set forth in the COVID-19 Risk-Based Charts for vaccinated and unvaccinated/partially vaccinated individuals attached as **Exhibit A**; and

**Whereas**, reliable medical information indicates that even individuals who have received a COVID-19 vaccine are capable of contracting and spreading the current Delta variant of the virus; and

**Whereas**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”), along with the Austin-Travis County Health authority recommends the covering of a person’s nose and mouth when outside the home or residence in order to help slow the further spread of COVID-19, even if vaccinated as set forth in **Exhibit A**; and

**Whereas**, In accordance with the *Supreme Court of Texas, Fortieth Emergency Order Regarding COVID-19 State of Disaster (Miscellaneous Docket No. 21-9079)*, the Local Administrative District Judge (LADJ) for Travis County has adopted minimum standard health protocols for court participants and the public attending court proceedings, including a requirement that in all courtrooms and throughout all public areas of the applicable court buildings individuals must wear a face covering over the nose and mouth, social distance, or both; and

**Whereas**, the Office of Court Administration has stated that that the Governor’s Executive Order “does not alter the Supreme Court’s current emergency order, the ability of a judge to control his or her courtroom, or requirements for those entering a court building who will be attending a court proceeding.” “Courts may take any reasonable action to avoid exposing court proceedings to the threat of COVID-19, including requiring compliance with social distancing protocols and face coverings worn over the nose and mouth.” Individuals are required to follow the protocols issues by the Courts (“judicial order”); and

**Whereas**, Travis County is committed to providing safe facilities and worksites to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of its employees, customers, clients and visitors when accessing County facilities for the purpose of receiving services, and following the guidelines and recommendations of the CDC and the Austin-Travis County Health Authority regarding the wearing of face coverings is necessary to protect public health and safety, and to slow the spread of COVID-19; and

**Whereas**, the County Judge has determined that extraordinary emergency measures must be taken to try and mitigate the effects of this public health emergency and to facilitate a response to the public health threat in order to protect the health and safety of the community; and

**Whereas**, pursuant to Government Code section 418.108(g), a County Judge is authorized to control ingress and egress from a local disaster area, and control the movement of persons and the occupancy of premises in that disaster area; and

**Whereas**, this Order is necessary to protect the public health and welfare of individuals who visit, access or work in Travis County facilities and buildings and to help control further transmission of COVID-19.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, COUNTY JUDGE OF TRAVIS COUNTY, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 418, HEREBY FIND AND ORDER THAT:**


Effective at **12:01 a.m. on August 12, 2021**, and continuing until modified or terminated by the Travis County Judge or as otherwise indicated below:

1. The recitals set out above are true and correct, and are incorporated in and made a part of this Order for all purposes and adopted by the Commissioners Court.
2. All employees entering into or present within a Travis County building, facility or location designated in **Exhibit B** (“County Facility”) are required to wear a face covering, except as specifically noted in this Order.
3. All visitors and customers, including members of the public and invitees over the age of two (2) (collectively referred to as “Customers”), entering into or present within a Travis County building, facility or location designated in **Exhibit B** (County Facility), are required to wear a face covering, except as specifically noted in this Order.

4. For Customers who do not have a face covering when entering into or visiting a designated County Facility, face covering will be provided by County.
5. For Customers who do not wish to wear a face covering when entering into or visiting a designated County Facility and who do not qualify under any of the Exceptions listed in this Order, will be required to leave the premises and County will provide alternative means to obtain the services without physical entry, such as by telephone or on-line.
6. Even with the use of appropriate face coverings, Customers should maintain a distance of six (6) feet from others as social distancing whenever possible.
7. Exceptions to the Requirement of Wearing a Face Covering:
  - a. If a Customer or employee has a medical condition and the Customer or employee will be compromised by wearing a covering over their nose and mouth, or the wearing of a face covering poses a greater risk to their physical health, such as anyone who has trouble breathing, or anyone who is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the face cover without assistance, alternative arrangements can be discussed with a supervisor and for accessing the service by Customers falling under this Exception, alternative arrangements will be made, such as by telephone or on-line, or other methods as determined by the individual County department or office.
  - b. An employee is alone in an individual office space.
8. A designated County Facility does not include any Travis County correctional facility, such as the Travis County Jail, Central Booking or Travis County Correctional Complex or a juvenile detention facility. Rules will be promulgated by the appropriate authority, such as the Travis County Sheriff or Chief Juvenile Probation Officer.
9. Any Travis County courthouse complex or courtroom is subject to the rules mandated by the Texas Supreme Court, Office of Court Administration and Operating Plans of the Travis County Judiciary, including criminal courts, civil courts and justice of the peace courts. Any County Facility that is cohabitated by court facilities and courtrooms along with other County offices must follow the requirements set forth in this Order for those areas outside a courtroom or subject to a judicial order.
10. Notices. The Travis County Facilities Management Department shall post notices on all County Facilities designated in Exhibit A, that will provide notice to address the following:
  - i. Avoid entering a County Facility if you have a cough or fever;
  - ii. The requirement of wearing a Face Covering before entry to a County Facility;
  - iii. Avoid shaking hands or engaging in unnecessary physical contact.
11. It is further recommended that:
  - a. Individuals get vaccinated and encourage others to get vaccinated. This will help us reach herd immunity to benefit our entire community.

12. **Enforcement.** A violation of this Order may be punishable through civil or criminal enforcement. The Travis County Sheriff's Office, the Travis County Fire Marshal's Office, and other peace officers are hereby authorized to enforce this Order. Except as provided below, a criminal violation of this Order is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000, but not by confinement. Criminal violation of this Order may be enforced by issuing a citation to the person violating the Order, which contains written notice of the name and address of the person charged, and the offense charged.

**ORDERED** this the 11 day of August, 2021, in the County of Travis, Texas.

  
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Andy Brown, County Judge  
County of Travis, Texas

Filed with the Clerk of Travis County, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.



# COVID-19 Risk-Based Chart — Vaccinated

\* Please continue following additional requirements of local businesses, venues and schools regardless of vaccination status or stage. Schools, hospitals, and long term living centers follow CDC and APH guidelines—or—the regulatory agency's policy.



	Private Gatherings* With People Outside Your Household		Travel*		Dining*		Shopping*	
	Outdoor							
	Low-Risk	High-Risk	Low-Risk	High-Risk	Low-Risk	High-Risk	Low-Risk	High-Risk
Stage 1								
Stage 2								
Stage 3								
Stage 4								
Stage 5								



Mask optional, continue washing hands and other hygiene precautions



Not recommended at all, with or without masks



Take prevention measures: wear a mask, wash your hands and social distance following CDC guidelines























Places that require vaccines and masks may pose a lower risk.



# COVID-19 Risk-Based Chart — Partly Vaccinated or Unvaccinated

\* Please continue following additional requirements of local businesses, venues and schools regardless of vaccination status or stage. Schools, hospitals, and long term living centers follow CDC and APH guidelines—or—the regulatory agency’s policy.

	Private Gatherings* With People Outside Your Household		Travel*	Dining*	Shopping*
	Indoor	Outdoor			
Stage 1					
Stage 2					
Stage 3	 <small>If high risk: avoid unless essential</small>	 <small>If high risk: avoid unless essential</small>	 <small>If high risk: avoid unless essential</small>	 <small>If high risk: avoid unless essential</small>	 <small>If high risk: avoid unless essential</small>
Stage 4			Only if essential	Takeaway/ Curbside	Only if essential
Stage 5				Takeaway/ Curbside	Takeaway/ Curbside



Mask optional, continue washing hands and other hygiene precautions



Not recommended at all, with or without masks



Take prevention measures: wear a mask, wash your hands and social distance following CDC guidelines

**FACILITIES****ADDRESS****DOWNTOWN ADMINISTRATION CAMPUS**

Administration Building	700 Lavaca Street		
700 Lavaca Parking Garage	700 Lavaca Street		
Probate Courts (Old US Federal Courthouse)	200 West 8th Street		

**DOWNTOWN CORE CAMPUS**

Blackwell-Thurman Criminal Justice Center (except for areas covered by judicial orders)	509 West 11th Street		
Ronald Earle Building	416 West 11th Street		
Heman Marion Sweatt County Courthouse (except for areas covered by judicial orders)	1000 Guadalupe		
Gault Building	505 West 11 Street		
Ned Granger Administration Building	314 West 11th Street		
N. Granger Parking Garage	11th & Guadalupe		
San Antonio Parking Garage	10th and San Antonio		
University Savings Building	1010 Lavaca Street		
Holt Building	1004 Guadalupe		
10th and Guadalupe Surface Parking Lot	10th St. and Guadalupe St.		
Executive Office Building	411 W 13th Street		
Brizendine House	507 West 11th		
1101 Nueces	1101 Nueces		
EOB Parking Garage	411 W 12th Street		
Rusk Building	910 Lavaca Street		

**AIRPORT CAMPUS**

Nelda Wells Spears Building	5501 Airport Boulevard		
Keith G. Ruiz Building	5555 Airport Boulevard		

**BLUE BLUFF CAMPUS**

East Service Center - Purchasing Warehouse	6011 Blue Bluff Road		
East Service Center - Fleet Building	6011 Blue Bluff Road		
East Service Center - Warehouse	6011 Blue Bluff Road		
East Service Center - Covered Parking G	6011 Blue Bluff Road		
East Service Center - Covered Parking H	6011 Blue Bluff Road		
East Service Center - Admin Building	6011 Blue Bluff Road		
East Service Center - Sign Shop	6011 Blue Bluff Road		
East Service Center - Town Hall	6011 Blue Bluff Road		
East Service Center - Crew Building	6011 Blue Bluff Road		
East Service Center - Wash Building	6011 Blue Bluff Road		

**EXPO CENTER CAMPUS**

Exposition Center - Luedecke Arena	7311 Decker Lane		
Exposition Center - Show Barn	7311 Decker Lane		
Exposition Center - Chiller/Boiler Building	7311 Decker Lane		
Exposition Center - Banquet Hall	7311 Decker Lane		
Exposition Center - Portable Building	7311 Decker Lane		

**ME FACILITIES**

Vacant Land South of MEO	7700 Old Manor Road		
New Medical Examiner Building	7723 Springdale Road		
Vacant Land Next to Starflight and MEO	7725 Springdale Road		

**JUVENILE SO CONGRESS**

South Congress Building-BOA	2501 South Congress Ave		
TASBO	2538 South Congress Ave		

**FACILITIES**

**ADDRESS**

**HAMILTON POOL TNR**

Satellite 3 - Administration Bldg 1 (B)	14624 Hamilton Pool		
Satellite 3 - Employee bldg 2 (A)	14625 Hamilton Pool		
Satellite 3 - Maintenance Shops bldg 3 ( E )	14626 Hamilton Pool		
Satellite 3 - Maintenance Shops bldg 4 (D)	14627 Hamilton Pool		

**NW TNR**

Westside - Fleet Building	4501 FM 620 North		
Westside Service Center - Admin Building	4501 FM 620 North		
Westside - Sign Shop Building	4501 FM 620 North		
Westside - Crew Building	4501 FM 620 North		

**PRECINCT ONE OFFICES**

Precinct One Tax Office	4705 Heflin Lane		
Richard E. Scott Building	4717 Heflin Lane		

**HHS EAST**

East Community Center and Clinic	600 Carrie Manor Rd		
East Community Center Library	600 Carrie Manor Rd		

**PRECINCT 3 & HHS WEST**

West Community Center/Clinic - Bldg A	8656 State Hwy 71 West		
Constable 3/ JP3/ Tax Office - Bldg B	8656 State Hwy 71 West		

BCP Building	11920 Wilson Parke Ave.		
Ray Martinez Building	4011 McKinney Falls		
New Tax Office Building	2433 Ridgepoint Dr.		
East Command-Collier Law Enforcement Center	7811 Burleson-Manor Road		
Kevin L. Aigner Building	10409 Burnet Rd		
Palm Square Building	100 North IH-35		
Post Road Building	2201 Post Road		
Smith Rd Building	1600 Smith Road		
HHS Administration Office	502 East Highland Blvd.		
North Community Center/Clinic/Tax Office	15822 Foothill Farms Loop		
Sobriety Center	1213 Sabine		
Kristin E. McLain Building	7800 Old Manor Road		
Maurice Moore Building	3800 Hudson Bend Road		
Weatherization	5021 East Caesar Chavez		
Precinct One Office	1811 Springdale Rd		
1L - CSCD/MHMR	4920 IH-35		
2L - Northwest Community Center	18649 Hwy 1431 - Jonestown		
Nootsie House/Barn	9512 FM 620 North		
Satellite 4 - Administration Bldg	5412 Lockhart HWY (US183)		
International Cemetery- Maint Building	3601 Axel Lane		
Land around State Jail	FMD 969		



**FILED AND RECORDED  
OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS**

*Dana DeBeauvoir*

**Dana DeBeauvoir, County Clerk  
Travis County, Texas**

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