



COMAL COUNTY

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Comal County businesses may reopen at 75% capacity

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County Judge Sherman Krause received the green light from the state today. Businesses operating at 50% capacity may now move to 75% capacity once again. Bars are also allowed to reopen, and local hospitals may resume elective surgeries.

In a letter from the Department of State Health Services, Commissioner Dr. John Hellerstedt wrote, “Under the criteria laid out in GA-32, your Trauma Service Area, TSA P, no longer meets the definition of a high hospitalization area and so may reopen to the higher levels allowable under GA-32.”

GA-32 is Governor Greg Abbott’s executive order that includes an update for thresholds in areas with high hospitalization rates in Texas.

“It’s welcomed news for our local businesses, especially after the weather week we’ve had,” said Comal County Judge Sherman Krause. “Our businesses can reopen at 75% capacity. We still need residents to be aware of the weather situation and take all necessary precautions.”

Because of a winter storm warning in effect through Thursday evening and freezing rain expected to make travel very dangerous, Comal County offices will remain closed on Thursday, February 18 and the scheduled Commissioners Court meeting has been canceled. All items on the agenda will be considered at the regularly scheduled Commissioners Court Meeting on Thursday February, 25, 2021.

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today signed a Local Disaster Declaration caused by a winter weather emergency. The declaration takes effect immediately for a period of not more than seven days, unless it is continued or renewed by consent of the Comal County Commissioners Court. On Friday, Texas Governor Greg Abbott issued a disaster declaration in all 254 counties in response to severe winter weather that is impacting the state.

“We are taking all measures necessary to make sure Comal County is response ready and safe,” said County Judge Sherman Krause. “We will work together, our community included, to safely get through these dangerous weather conditions. Please, stay home and off the roads right now.”

The declaration states that severe weather has moved into Comal County and could lead to prolonged loss of electrical power, dangerous road surfaces and unsafe infrastructure within the county.

Judge Krause urges residents to stay home and seek shelter, avoid driving if possible and take all the measures necessary to ensure the safety of people and animals in your care. The Electric Reliability Council of Texas also urges all Texans to conserve power in their homes and businesses as much as possible during the extreme weather.

Residents can stay up to date with emergency information by visiting www.co.comal.tx.us and by checking the County’s Facebook and other social media pages.