



**DALE SPURGIN
JONES COUNTY JUDGE**

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PRESS RELEASE

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COVID 19

JONES COUNTY EXEMPTION FOR FACE COVERINGS

Jones County has been approved for an exemption for face coverings under the requirements of Governor Abbott's GA-29 executive order for having less than 20 active cases of COVID-19 for more than 30 days. All other requirements of GA-29 are still in effect and social distancing, hand washing and wearing a face covering are highly encouraged.

The Courts in the Jones County Courthouse will still require face coverings as required by the Texas Supreme Court and the Office of Court Administration, according to the approved plan to conduct Court proceedings. The other offices in the Jones County Courthouse may still require a face covering, depending on the requirements of the local elected official. Everyone is still encouraged to wear a face covering if visiting the Jones County Courthouse.

School Districts, UIL events, public gatherings, government entities, and businesses may still require face coverings and residents should be prepared to comply with local requirements.

Anyone that believes they are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 is requested to self-isolate at home and contact their medical provider.

This face covering exemption will be removed when active COVID-19 cases reported to the local health authority exceed 20 cases.

Jones County continues to encourage people to follow the CDC recommended practices of social distancing, face coverings, hand washings and limit non-essential gathering and travel, to assist in reducing the spread of Covid-19.