



November 20, 2020

The Honorable Charles Wolf, County Judge  
Winkler County  
P.O. Drawer Y  
Kermit, Texas 79745

*Via electronic mail to [charles.wolf@co.winkler.tx.us](mailto:charles.wolf@co.winkler.tx.us)*

Dear Judge Wolf:

On Wednesday, October 7, 2020, Governor Abbott issued Executive Order GA-32, which supersedes GA-30 and GA-31.

Under GA-32, the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) continues to oversee an attestation process for counties with minimal cases to allow them to choose to operate at 75 percent capacity for certain businesses. This attestation process is an option for counties that have minimal cases and reside in trauma service areas (TSAs) with high hospitalizations.

The criteria for entering the attestation process was updated effective October 12, 2020. A county may newly enter the attestation process if the county has fewer than 30 confirmed COVID-19 cases reported in the last 14 days, and the judge submits a certification to DSHS.

Under previous thresholds, DSHS reported that Winkler County met the parameters for the attestation process. However, Winkler County no longer meets the definition of county with minimal COVID-19 laboratory confirmed cases.

I urge you to reinforce COVID-19 prevention messages in your community and promote the use of COVID-19 minimum health protocols at local businesses and gatherings.

The DSHS website has resources that can assist in this effort.

- Data on COVID-19 case reports and hospitalizations:  
<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/ga3031/>
- Minimum health protocols:  
<https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/opentexas.aspx>
- COVID-19 prevention communications tools:  
<https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/tools.aspx>.

If you have questions about this notice or your obligations under Executive Order GA-32, please contact us at [coronavirus@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:coronavirus@dshs.texas.gov). Please enter "Executive Order 32" in the subject line for proper routing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Hellerstedt", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John Hellerstedt, M.D.

cc: Mayors of Winkler County