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City of Lake Jackson follows executive order to reduce business occupancy

Lake Jackson, Tx – The City of Lake Jackson was notified today that Brazoria County has been declared a “high hospitalization area” for COVID-19 cases and will now comply with Gov. Greg Abbott’s executive order to immediately reduce operations at businesses, bars, and similar establishments within the city limits to 50 percent occupancy.

“We realize that this is an unexpected hardship on our businesses and citizens during the holidays,” said Gerald Roznovsky, Lake Jackson Mayor.

The City understands the Texas Department of State Health Services notified County Judge Matt Sebesta that the county reached the trauma service area or “high hospitalization” benchmark. The benchmark is reached when the number of COVID-19 hospitalized patients exceeds 15 percent of the total hospital capacity as a percentage for seven consecutive days. The criteria and occupancy requirements were created when Gov. Greg Abbott issued Executive Order Number GA-32 on Oct. 7.

As a result, Lake Jackson businesses that were operating at 75 percent occupancy or under another operating limit created by the order, may only operate at 50 percent occupancy now. Bars or similar establishments are limited to drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options for food and drinks as authorized by TABC.

The City will remain under this designation until the COVID-19 hospitalizations are reduced to the level that the county complies with the executive order again.

“While we will work to help our businessowners adjust on such short notice, we also send our deepest condolences to the patients,” Roznovsky said. “They are also part of our community and we hope each person will recover fully.”

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