

# ORDER OF THE COUNTY JUDGE OF CORYELL COUNTY

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STATE OF TEXAS §  
COUNTY OF CORYELL §

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ORDER REQUIRING FACE COVERINGS IN ALL COUNTY FACILITIES *Deborah Simpson*  
COUNTY CLERK, CORYELL CO., TEXAS

**WHEREAS**, Coryell County is under a Declaration of Local Disaster relating to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), a highly contagious communicable disease; and,

**WHEREAS**, the governor of the State of Texas, Governor Gregg Abbott, issued his 34<sup>th</sup> Executive Order relating to the COVID-19 pandemic on March 2, 2021. The 34<sup>th</sup> Executive Order rescinds previous Executive Orders GA-17 (establishing Strike Force to Open Texas), GA-25 (Suspending In-Person visitation in County and Municipal Jails), GA-29 (requiring face coverings in public), and GA-31 (relating to hospital capacities and elective surgeries). The Executive Order removes operating limits for businesses, encourages but does not require the wearing of face coverings in public, and authorizes County Judges to impose certain occupancy limits in businesses and other establishments if the hospitalization rate within their Trauma Service Area becomes high (15% or greater); and,

**WHEREAS**, the County has a responsibility to provide governmental functions and services to the public in a safe and responsible manner for both the public and County employees; and,

**WHEREAS**, the general public will continue to have access to the essential governmental functions provided by the departments within the Courthouse and other County buildings; therefore,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERD** that all persons entering any facility or building owned or operated by Coryell County shall wear a face covering or mask, such that:

1. A face covering or mask shall be defined as an item made of fiber, gauze, or similar material which covers the mouth and nose of the wearer and may be of a commercial or homemade design, and shall include face shields of a clear plastic design which covers the mouth and nose of the wearer.
2. Prior to entering the Coryell County Courthouse, all persons will be screened for signs or symptoms of COVID-19, in accordance with the Coryell County Operating Plan for the Judiciary, and shall be refused access to the building if signs or symptoms are present.
3. Any person attempting to gain entrance to a County facility/building should bring their own face covering. If a person does not have a face covering, one will be provided at no charge.
4. All persons will continue to wear a face covering inside County facilities/buildings while in any common area, restroom, elevator, hallway, or stairwell.
5. The presiding judge of a court proceeding shall determine the suitability of wearing a face covering while inside the courtroom.
6. Elected Officials and Department Heads shall determine the suitability of wearing a face covering while inside their respective offices.

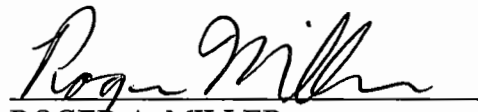


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7. This order is applicable to County employees as well as the general public.
8. Courthouse and Courtroom Security staff shall have the authority to have an individual temporarily remove their mask for security related reasons.
9. Enforcement:
  - a. Courthouse and Courtroom Security staff shall enforce this order.
  - b. Elected Officials and Department Heads shall enforce this order.
  - c. Any person found to be in noncompliance with this order will be educated on the requirements of this order.
  - d. Any person refusing to comply with this order will be removed from the County facility/building.
  - e. There is no civil or criminal penalty for refusing to comply with this order based solely on the action of noncompliance.
10. The sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases within this order are severable and should any be declared invalid by the final judgement or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases that can be given effect without the invalid provision.

This order shall take effect March 10, 2021 at 12:01am and shall remain in effect until rescinded or modified.

Ordered this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

  
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ROGER A. MILLER  
Coryell County Judge