



## JOHN DURRENBERGER WASHINGTON COUNTY JUDGE

WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE ★ 100 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 104 ★ BRENHAM, TEXAS 77833-3753

Washington County is no longer subject to Governor Greg Abbott's Executive Order GA-29, the mandatory face mask order.

Washington County Judge John Durrenberger announced today that the county has fallen below the threshold of 30 new COVID-19 cases over a 14-day period, which he says allows the county to opt out of Governor Abbott's mask mandate. Durrenberger said that he has been monitoring the daily new confirmed cases and that it has been below the State threshold for several weeks thus allowing the county to opt out of the mandate. County officials discussed the possibility of applying for the exemption with City of Brenham and Burton officials and it was decided that this was the time to make the request to the State. The documentation was submitted to have the mandate waived and the State has approved the request. This allows business owners to make their own decision about the requirement of face coverings. Some businesses or public facilities may continue to require the face coverings and elected officials ask that you abide by their request. In other circumstances, individuals may make their own decisions about wearing a mask. To wear or not wear a mask is now a "personal decision" said Judge Durrenberger. If new confirmed cases rise above the threshold of 30 new cases in a 14-day period, then the county would have to follow Abbott's mandate for face coverings and reapply for the exemption when the county's cases fall below 30 in the given period. County and City officials ask residents to remain vigilant and continue safe practices of social distancing and hand washing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Durrenberger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John Durrenberger

Washington County Judge