

Concerns/Complaints and FAQs Related to GA-34

(Opening businesses to 100% and no mask required)

Thank you for contacting us with your concern. BCHD sympathizes with your situation. GA-34 issued by Governor Abbott will go into effect on March 10, 2021. At that point businesses will be allowed to operate at 100% capacity and masks will no longer be required. If you would like to voice your recommendations or concerns, we encourage you to contact your local and state elected officials. The Chamber of Commerce and local elected officials encourage you to conduct your business at locations that make you feel safe during the pandemic.

- **When does GA-34 go into effect?** March 10, 2021 at 12:01 AM
- **As a business owner, can I require employees or customers to wear a face mask?** Yes, “Nothing in GA-34 precludes businesses or other establishments from requiring employees or customers to follow additional hygiene measures, including the wearing of a face covering”.
- **How does this affect schools?** “Public schools may operate as provided by, and under the minimum standard health protocols found in, guidance issued by the Texas Education Agency (TEA)”. The local ISDs are currently working on their response and waiting for guidance from the TEA.
- **What types of businesses can operate at 100%?** According to GA-34, “there are no state-imposed COVID-19 related operating limits for any business or other establishments” effective March 10, 2021.
- **Face coverings?** GA-34 states that “individuals are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings over the nose and mouth wherever it is not feasible to maintain six feet of social distancing from another person not in the same household, but no person may be required by any jurisdiction (city or county government) to wear or to mandate the wearing of a face covering”.