



NOTICE OF BLANCO COUNTY OPT-IN

The Blanco County Judge has submitted the form to “opt-in” to Governor Abbott’s Executive Order No. 32 to open bars and 51% restaurants. Therefore, as of October 14, 2020, bars, wineries, distilleries etc. in Blanco County may re-open subject to the restrictions set forth below.

The specifics of the order relating to bars states:

7. Bars or similar establishments that hold a permit from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) . . . may offer on-premises services only as described by this paragraph. A bar or similar establishment may offer on-premises services at up to 50 percent of the total listed occupancy of the establishment if:

a. the bar or similar establishment is not in an area with high hospitalizations as defined above, and the county judge of the county in which the bar or similar establishment is located files the requisite form with TABC; or

b. the bar or similar establishment is in an area with high hospitalizations as defined above, but is located in a county that has filed with DSHS, and is in compliance with, the requisite attestation form promulgated by DSHS regarding minimal cases of COVID-19, and the county judge of the county in which the bar or similar establishment is located also files the requisite form with TABC.

Patrons at bars or similar establishments operating under this paragraph may eat or drink only while seated, except that in an establishment that holds a permit from TABC as a brewer, distiller/rectifier, or winery, customers may sample beverages while standing so long as they are in a group of six people or fewer and there is at least six feet of social distancing or engineering controls, such as partitions, between groups.

Where applicable, this 50 percent occupancy limit applies only indoors; the limit does not apply to outdoor areas, events, or establishments, although social distancing and other protocols must be followed.

People shall not visit bars or similar establishments that are located in counties not included in parts (a) or (b) above. A current list of all counties reopening under this paragraph will be maintained on TABC's website.

The use by bars or similar establishments of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options for food and drinks remains allowed to the extent authorized by TABC.

Additionally, Blanco County adopts all of the bar protocols for both the business and the patron. Information about those protocols can be found at:

<https://open.texas.gov/uploads/files/organization/opentexas/OpenTexas-Checklist-Bars.pdf>

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Like all other business establishments in the County, businesses operating under this TABC approval are subject to site visits by county health officials.

In the event that our Trauma Service Area again has high hospitalization as detailed in GA-32, this approval may be rescinded. Furthermore, individual establishments may be subject to rescission for violations of the order or protocols.