

**POLK COUNTY, TEXAS
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**GOVERNOR ABBOTT LIFTS MASK MANDATE,
OPENS TEXAS 100 PERCENT, EFFECTIVE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021**

Governor Greg Abbott today issued an Executive Order (GA-34) lifting the mask mandate in Texas and increasing capacity of all businesses and facilities in the state to 100 percent. This order goes into effect next Wednesday, March 10, 2021.

This executive order rescinds most of the Governor's earlier executive orders related to COVID-19. All businesses of any type may open to 100% capacity. Additionally, this order ends the statewide mask mandate in Texas. Businesses may still limit capacity or implement additional safety protocols at their own discretion.

Masks will no longer be required in Polk County buildings beginning March 10, 2021.

"Normal" operations will be open to the General Public; however certain programs will not open immediately or at maximum capacity. The Senior Centers will open on Monday, April 12th to allow building maintenance and operations staff to reopen safely.

You can read the Executive Order at:

<https://gov.texas.gov/news/post/governor-abbott-lifts-mask-mandate-opens-texas-100-percent>