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## Judge Hoppy Haden To Open Bars In Caldwell County January 31, 2021 | Caldwell County, Texas | Press Release

On Sunday January 31st, Dr. Hellerstedt issued a statement that Hospital Trauma Service Area O dropped below 15% of the beds occupied by COVID-19 patients for seven (7) consecutive days. Executive Order GA-32 allows certain bars and similar establishments to operate at 50% capacity with permission from the County Judge. The Governor's Executive Order also increases the occupancy levels for all business establishments other than bars to 75%.

Effective January 31<sup>st</sup> 2021, Caldwell County Judge Hoppy Haden has elected to allow bars or similar establishments to operate with in-person service, provided that the businesses follow the recommended minimum standard health protocols. Under the newest order, dance floors at bars and similar establishments must remain closed. Consistent with protocols for restaurants, all patrons must be seated while eating or drinking and must wear masks when they are not seated at a table. Additionally, tables must be limited to six individuals or less and all establishments must follow specific curfew guidelines. The COVID-19 safety protocols will be enforced through spot-checks by law enforcement and County officials. If an establishment is not following the protocols established by Governor Abbott, it may closed by the County Judge until further notice.

Opening bars does not mean that COVID-19 is no longer a threat. Caldwell County residents are still susceptible to the virus. As bars and similar businesses begin to open, we must all remain vigilant and show personal responsibility to protect ourselves and our community members. Please continue to observe recommended and common-sense safety practices in all public places.