

# TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS


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## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MEMORANDUM

**#21-02**

**TO:** All Sheriffs and Jail Administrators  
**FROM:** Brandon Wood, Executive Director   
**REGARDING:** EO GA-34 Visitation  
**DATE:** March 3, 2021

In accordance with GA-34 issued March 2, 2021, the Texas Commission on Jail Standards provides the following guidance for county jails as they begin to allow in-person visitation.

Prior to allowing in-person visitation, the sheriff shall develop a plan that continues to ensure the safety of the public, staff and inmates at their facility. This plan will include frequency and duration of visits, if scheduling is to be required and what safety measures will be implemented to prevent the spread of COVID-19 within their jail. This plan will be reviewed by the Local Health Department. Each local sheriff in conjunction with the local health department may make determinations regarding wearing of face coverings. Every facility is strongly encouraged to use good faith efforts and available resources to follow DSHS health recommendations and the wearing of masks continues to be strongly recommended.

After comments have been received from the Local Health Department, the plan shall be submitted to the Texas Commission on Jail Standards for approval.

Please submit your plan to Assistant Director Wendy Wisneski for approval:  
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