

# TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS


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## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MEMORANDUM #21-05

**TO:** All Sheriffs and Jail Administrators  
**FROM:** Brandon Wood, Executive Director   
**REGARDING:** EO GA-36 Facial Coverings  
**DATE:** May 19, 2021

In accordance with GA-36 issued May 18, 2021, the Texas Commission on Jail Standards provides the following guidance for county jails in regards to facial coverings.

Each local sheriff after consultation with the local health department may make determinations regarding the wearing of facial coverings.

Every facility is strongly encouraged to continue using good faith efforts and available resources to ensure the safety of the public, staff and inmates at their facility and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

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