



## **MEMBER ALERT!**

### **COVID-19 (coronavirus) Update**

**April 23, 2020**

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#### **Clarification on Harris County Mask Order**

TCC has received a number of questions from members about the Harris County mask order that was announced by County Judge Lina Hidalgo yesterday. Specifically, members are seeking confirmation that the Order does not apply to industrial facilities deemed essential critical infrastructure under CISA Guidance.

TCC did receive confirmation from the Harris County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management that "...the face covering order will not apply on-sight and inside of the fence line at industrial facilities. Harris County will rely on industry to continue to adhere to all CDC safety guidelines to mitigate exposure potential within industrial facilities."

This exemption only applies to workers while inside the fence line of a facility and does not exempt industry employees while off-sight.

[Harris County Mask Order](#)

Harris County is expected to provide additional clarifications about this order in the coming days.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Hector Rivero, TCC President at [Rivero@texaschemistry.org](mailto:Rivero@texaschemistry.org) or 512-750-6484.