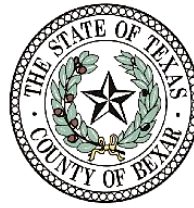




Office of the Mayor
Ron Nirenberg



NELSON W. WOLFF
COUNTY JUDGE

July 28, 2021

The Honorable Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas
P.O. Box 12428
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Governor Abbott,

Due to the Delta variant, our positivity rate has increased to 17% from 1.3% on June 21, 2021. Patients in our hospitals have increased to 585 from 125 on June 16, of which 90% to 100% are unvaccinated, a 426% increase.

We will soon reach capacity in our hospitals if hospitalizations continue to increase. We have made a request to Texas Department of Emergency Management for additional nurses. We would appreciate your support in making this happen.

Soon the school year will begin. We are concerned about the Delta variant effecting teachers and students. We believe that school districts should be able to mandate masks if they determine that the Delta variant is spreading in the schools.

The Delta variant is also a concern for universities and colleges. The latest data shows that only 30% of young people have been vaccinated. The campuses could become a super spreader. They should also be allowed to require masks if the virus is spreading.

In your Executive Order No. GA-36, you prohibit a governmental entity to require "any person to wear a face covering or to mandate that another person wear a face covering" We write to ask whether you intend Executive Order No. GA-36 to prohibit governmental employers from requiring its employees to wear a mask. If that is your intent, we request that you consider amending your order to allow the options for governmental employers to require face masks to prevent the continued spread by the highly transmissible Delta variant, and potentially any other variant.

Respectfully,

A blue ink signature of Ron Nirenberg, consisting of stylized initials and a surname.

Ron Nirenberg
Mayor, City of San Antonio

A blue ink signature of Nelson W. Wolff, written in a cursive style.

Nelson W. Wolff
County Judge, Bexar County