

EMERGENCY ITEM: END COVID RESTRICTIONS FOREVER

For almost 200 years, people have been coming to Texas in search of liberty. Governor Greg Abbott has worked with the Texas Legislature to protect that liberty by championing and signing legislation that:

- Prevented local governments from shutting down religious activities during a pandemic (87R HB 1229)
- Prohibited local governments from shutting down certain business activities (87R SB 968)
- Banned vaccine passports (87R SB 968)

Governor Abbott also issued executive orders preventing local governments from encroaching on Texans' individual liberty. The Governor continued his COVID-19 disaster declaration to protect Texans from local governments imposing mask and vaccine mandates or from closing down businesses and schools until the legislature is able to pass laws preventing it.

Now is the time to turn the page on COVID-19 restrictions for good. Working with the Texas Legislature this session, Governor Abbott will prohibit:

- Any COVID-19 government vaccine mandates
- Any COVID-19 government mask mandates through a disaster declaration, ordinance, or other action
- Any government from closing any business or school because of COVID-19

The Governor will also work with the Texas Legislature to create safeguards and change how government responds to future pandemics, including requiring the legislature to convene if another pandemic is ever declared. This will ensure that the individual liberty of all Texans is protected no matter who is in charge.

