



Public Statement

Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.

SEN. LUCIO STATEMENT ON THE LIFTING OF THE STATEWIDE MASK MANDATE

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AUSTIN, TX – Today Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr. (D-Brownsville) issued the following statement regarding Gov. Abbott’s decision to lift the statewide mask mandate:

“Today, Governor Abbott announced that he is signing an executive order to ease certain COVID-19 mandates, including the decision to rescind the statewide mask mandate. While I respect Governor Abbott’s authority to revoke mandates, I will continue to wear masks when in public and I highly recommend that all Texans continue to do so as well.

“As Governor Abbott mentioned, COVID-19 is nowhere near over. We must all continue to do our part to stop the transmission of this deadly virus. We know the techniques that work -- wearing masks, social distancing while in public, and avoiding large gatherings. As a record number of Texans begin to get vaccinated each day, I am thankful for the progress we have made so far.

“We will continue to observe the latest medical and scientific data as it becomes available. In the meantime, let’s keep doing our part to keep each other safe and healthy.”

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Sen. Eddie Lucio, Jr. (D – Harlingen) represents Cameron, Hidalgo, Kenedy, Kleberg, and Willacy Counties. He is the Vice-Chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance; Vice-Chairman of the Senate Committee on Education; Member of the Senate Committees on State Affairs; Natural Resources & Economic Development; of the Special Committee on Redistricting; and, of the Select Committee Texas Ports. He is member of the Sunset Advisory Commission, DSHS COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Advisory Panel, and has been an ex-officio member of the DSHS Task Force of Border Public Health Officials since 2017. Elected in 1991, Lucio is third in seniority in the Texas Senate.