

Texas Gov Bans ALL Vaccine Mandates – Including for Private Employers



Texas Governor Greg Abbott issued an executive order banning vaccine mandates.

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Texas Gov. [Greg Abbott](#) on Monday [issued another executive order](#) cracking down on COVID-19 vaccine mandates – this time banning any entity in Texas, including private businesses, from requiring vaccinations for employees or customers.

Abbott also called on the Legislature to pass a law with the same effect, promising to rescind the executive order once that happened. The Legislature is in this year's third special legislative session, which ends Oct. 19.

“The COVID-19 vaccine is safe, effective, & our best defense against the virus, but should always remain voluntary & never forced,” [he said in a tweet](#) announcing his latest order.

The order marks a significant reversal after Abbott previously gave private businesses the choice to mandate vaccines for workers. An Abbott spokesperson [said in late August](#) that “private businesses don’t need government running their business.”

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