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### **Texas faculty group urges governor to allow colleges and universities to continue imposing mask requirements**

Texas Faculty Association President Pat Heintzelman released the following statement:

The Texas Faculty Association urges Gov. Greg Abbott to reconsider his order ending mask requirements in government facilities, including universities. We urge him to allow colleges and universities to continue requiring masks, at least until a larger number of Texans are vaccinated against the coronavirus.

Many Texans are not vaccinated, and university faculty and employees have no way of knowing who is and who isn't vaccinated on their campuses and in their classrooms. Our health and safety and the health and safety of our families are extremely important to us, and that must be a top priority for the governor.

We must remain careful as this pandemic continues to run its course.