

COVID-19 LEGAL UPDATE

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Executive Order

BY THE
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

Executive Department
Austin, Texas
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EXECUTIVE ORDER
GA 38

Relating to the continued response to the COVID-19 disaster.

EO-38 Legal Actions

- ***The Southern Center for Child Advocacy v. Greg Abbott***, Cause # D-1-GN-21-003792, Travis County assigned to Judge Jan Soifer
- ***Point Isabel Independent School District v. Abbott, et al.***; In the 444th Judicial District Court of Cameron County, Texas
- ***E.T. et al. v. Governor Abbott; TEA Commissioner Mike Morath; and the Texas Education Agency***, Civil Action No. 1:21-cv-00717-LY, W.D. Tex.

**This list is not exhaustive*

Denton ISD Decisions

1. Denton ISD will not violate the law;
2. No student will be denied access or excluded from participation in school or any other rights due to not wearing a mask.

Department of Education

Initiated civil rights investigations on August 30, 2021 into five states (Iowa, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Utah) for policies banning school districts from requiring masks.





TEA's updated public health guidance includes the following statement:

- "Please note, mask provisions of GA-38 are not being enforced as the result of ongoing litigation. Further guidance will be made available after the court issues are resolved."

Texas Attorney General

Announced filing of lawsuits
against: Richardson, Round Rock, Galveston, Elgin,
Spring and Sherman Independent School Districts.



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Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration

“(OSHA) is developing a rule that will require all employers with 100 or more employees to ensure their workforce is fully vaccinated or require any workers who remain unvaccinated to produce a negative test result on at least a weekly basis before coming to work. OSHA will issue an Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) to implement this requirement.”



QUESTIONS?

