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## Senate Republican Leader Greg Baca Calls on Governor to Remove Mask Mandate

Mask mandate termination in California signals New Mexico's holdout is now solely political

SANTA FE – California has announced that it will end its indoor mask mandate on <u>February 15th</u>. New Mexico, with a population density less than 1/6 of California's is one of the last states in the union to require masks in all indoor locations, including schools. Notably, New Mexico also has one of the highest vaccination rates in the nation with almost 70 percent of the eligible population fully vaccinated.

Senate Republican Leader, **Senator Greg Baca** (District 29-Bernalillo and Valencia), today called on the Governor to end the mask mandate with the following statement:

"The Governor loves to follow California's lead, and in this case, we urge her to do so. The science is clear. It's time to unmask our children, unmask our people, and begin the process of repairing the damage inflicted upon our state by the pandemic and this administration's erroneous policies."

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