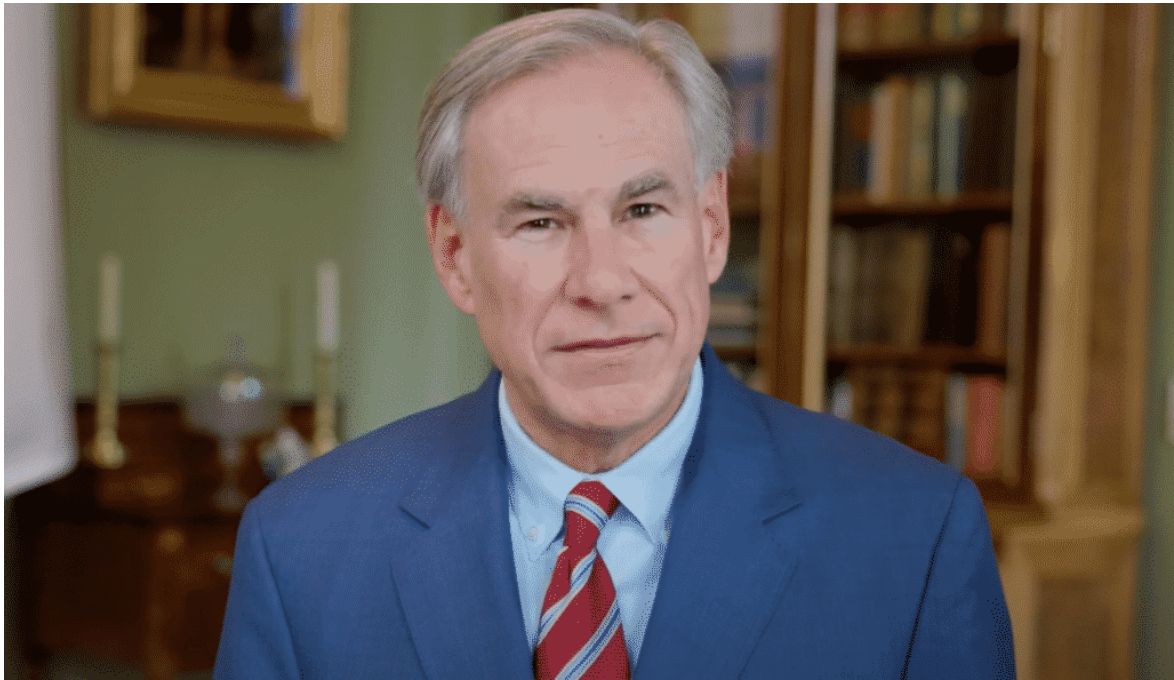


Kaboom: Texas Bans Vaccine Passports



This is a huge exercise of “states rights” to self-determination of their own affairs. In short, “Don’t mess with Texas.” However, this does not prevent the Federal government nor private companies from issuing their own vaccine passports for use within the state. Will other states follow suit? □ TN Editor

Texas Governor Greg Abbott issued an executive order Tuesday morning banning the creation or use of a “vaccine passport.” It prohibits state agencies or political subdivisions in Texas from creating a “vaccine passport” or conditioning services on a person’s COVID-19 vaccination status.

“Everyday, Texans are returning to normal life as more people get the safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine. But, as I’ve said all along, these vaccines are always voluntary and never forced,” Governor Abbott said in a video announcing the order. “Government should not require any Texan to show proof of vaccination and reveal private health information just to go about their daily lives.”

That is why I have issued an Executive Order that prohibits government-

mandated vaccine passports in Texas,” the Texas governor continued. “We will continue to vaccinate more Texans and protect public health — and we will do so without treading on Texans’ personal freedoms.”

Abbott stressed the importance of vaccines in reducing the spread of COVID-19 and the reduction of serious illness resulting in hospitalizations and fatalities.

The Lone Star State is on pace to have administered more than 13 million vaccine doses by the end of this week, the governor explained.

“We will continue to vaccinate more Texans and protect public health,” Abbott concluded, “and we will do so without treading on Texans’ personal freedoms.”

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