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Judge Cortez reacts to CDC announcement

EDINBURG – Hidalgo County Judge Richard F. Cortez issued the following statement in response to news that the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is recommending that fully vaccinated people may dispense with facial coverings or physical distancing while outdoors and indoors:

“The decision to require facial coverings in all Hidalgo County buildings was made by the Commissioners Court. The CDC has been an invaluable resource for public safety throughout this pandemic and while I applaud this recommendation by the CDC, it will take a vote of the entire Hidalgo County Commissioners Court to change the current policy regarding facial coverings inside county buildings.”

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