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Floridians,

On Monday, I issued an [Op-Ed](#) regarding Governor DeSantis' Executive Order [21-175](#), ensuring parents' freedom to choose whether their child wears a mask in school or not. I applaud the Governor for his act of heroism and looking out for our freedom, while being consistent in providing information, but not mandates. He did not mandate wearing masks. He did not mandate lockdowns or closures. He did not mandate we all get vaccinated. He has been consistent in providing us access to information and then letting us make the best decisions to keep our families safe.

Masking children is not backed by science and may have lasting effects. Science must always be a piece of policymaking. But science has to be filtered through a philosophy. Thankfully, DeSantis' philosophy is that Americans are smart; that we care about our families, and we will make good decisions with the information we are given.



With reports that the National Hurricane Center is tracking two tropical waves, on Thursday, I [reminded](#) Floridians to be prepared in the event the waves develop into a tropical depression or hurricane. While the tropics have been quiet for the last several weeks following Tropical Storm Elsa, this activity is a stark reminder that we are in the height of hurricane season. On Wednesday, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) released their latest hurricane outlook and it called for even greater odds for an above-average hurricane season, with 13 to 20 named storms and seven to 10 hurricanes. As we all know, storms can develop quickly, so it is critical to make sure you and your family have the proper supplies on hand.

Sincerely,

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