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## Statement from Senate Republican Leader Rob Ortt

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I am disappointed the Appellate Division issued a stay that will keep the unconstitutional mask mandate in place while the appeals process plays out in the courts.

We are two years into this pandemic, and it's absurd that this administration is still ruling by mandates – which continue to cause confusion, frustration, and division among New Yorkers.

If the Governor truly thinks a mask mandate is in the best interests of New Yorkers, she should send a bill to be debated before the Legislature.

New Yorkers are fed up — it's time to move beyond one-size fits all mandates and return to a system that provides checks and balances.

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