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Dr. Anthony Fauci says he's "not really quite sure," why Texas is now averaging under 4,000 COVID-19 cases after lifting mask mandates. AP Photo/Alex Brandon

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It's been some five weeks since Texas lifted its mask mandate, and there has yet to be an explosion of COVID-19 cases.

It's something Dr. Anthony Fauci can't quite explain.

"I'm not really quite sure," he told MSNBC this week. "It could be they're doing things outdoors."

Daily cases in Texas hovered above 7,000 in early March, when Gov. Greg Abbott lifted the state's mask rules, leaving it up to individuals and organizations to make their own decisions.

Now, according to the Centers for Disease Control, new cases of COVID-19 are under 4,000.

Fauci noted there can be a delay in how and when cases manifest.

“Often you have to wait a few weeks bef

said.

“I hope they continue to tick down. If they particularly on things like indoor dining ar said.



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“We’ve been fooled before by situations v later things explode on you, so we’ve got to be careful we don’t prematurely judge that,” he added.

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President Biden had slammed the decision to ease the state’s mask mandate as “neanderthal thinking.”

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