



Dear Friends,

Happy Friday! I hope this week's installment of the Rotunda Report finds you and your family doing well.

COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE

I want to take this opportunity to provide you an important update on the COVID-19 vaccination. As of the date of this e-mail, more than 1.7 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have been shipped to various Texas providers. According to our data, over 1.3 million doses have been administered to Texans so far. That's good news!

That said, the reality is that many thousands of citizens in Collin County who are in the 1A or 1B vaccine groups are still on waiting lists, wondering when, exactly, they'll be able to access the vaccine. While the answer to that question is more complicated and complex than any of us would like for it to be, be assured that we are working around the clock with our counterparts at the state, federal and local levels to ensure Collin County is allocated a full and fair allotment of the vaccine for our citizens. Based on calls and meetings I have taken part in just this morning, I am highly encouraged that thousands of more vaccines will be shipped directly to Collin County in the coming days and weeks.

Right now, the most important thing for you to do - if you're in an eligible vaccine population - is to visit the Collin County COVID-19 vaccine website at the following link: https://www.collincountytx.gov/healthcare_services/Pages/COVID19vaccines.aspx.

There you'll be able to add your name to the waiting list for the COVID-19 vaccines and you'll also be able to access the most up-to-date, real-time information relating to the distribution of vaccines in Collin County.

Further, the City of Allen and Baylor Scott & White, independently of Collin County, have been allotted a certain limited number of vaccines as well. You can visit those websites at <https://www.cityofallen.org/2202/COVID-19-Vaccination> and <https://www.bswhealth.com/covid-vaccine>, respectively, for more information.

Bottom line: We are in a critical stage in the fight against COVID-19 and recognize the importance of working together, aggressively, to ensure that any citizen who wishes to get vaccinated is able to as quickly as possible. To that end, we strongly encourage you to visit those resources and, as difficult as it may be, to continue to be patient as more and more vaccines, by the thousands, become available for distribution and administration over the next few weeks.

OUR OFFICE IS OPEN!

As for me and my office - both here in the District and in the Texas Capitol - be assured that we are strongly committed to ensuring that our constituents, and all people of Texas, have full access to me and my team and are able and empowered to participate in the legislative process. To that end, my office is open and we welcome you.

Of course, we are taking appropriate precautions to ensure that all visitors to our office, as well as my own staff, remain healthy and safe. Specifically, we are strongly requesting, in accordance with state health guidelines, that all visitors wear a mask and, when possible, stay socially distanced while you are in our office. If you are not feeling well, we politely ask that you not enter our office and plan a return visit when you are feeling better. When possible, we ask that you call us ahead of time to make an appointment with either me or my staff.

But again, our office is open and we will do everything we possibly can to ensure your full, safe and healthy participation in the important work taking place both here in the District and in your Texas Capitol.

LEGISLATIVE SPOTLIGHT

The 87th Legislature is in full-swing! After spending a few days back home in the District and with my family this week, I'll return to Austin this weekend as we prepare for the Texas House of Representatives to convene again at the Texas Capitol early next week. In the coming days, we'll send you more information about some of the important issues being considered and debated at the Austin - from the state budget to redistricting, to healthcare and education, to public safety and election integrity. Likewise, next week I will begin to roll-out my own legislative package that we've been working diligently on in recent days and weeks, reflecting policy priorities that are important to me and, more importantly, important to you and all of the people I am elected to serve. These bills that I'll file in the coming days have been carefully and strategically crafted to safeguard our fundamental rights and liberties, to protect taxpayers, to invest in education and critical infrastructure, to make healthcare more affordable and accessible, to support our law enforcement and first responders and to make Texas - and HD67 - even stronger than it already is.

DISTRICT SPOTLIGHT



This afternoon, I and my District Director, Julie Atkinson, had a great time visiting the new Collin College Technical Campus in Allen, right in the heart of House District 67. This magnificent campus offers students multiple paths to success in high-demand, high-wage career fields including automotive, construction, health care, information technology and manufacturing. And notably, the campus offers a robust Veterans Resource Center, which is designed to ensure a smooth transition for our heroic veterans into college and to foster their academic success.

I salute and commend my friend, Neil Matkin, Collin College President, and Steve Matthews, Vice President of External Relations, on their faithful and tireless commitment to ensure the continued growth and impact of Collin College.

In closing, I want to thank you again for the opportunity to serve as your State Representative. It is an honor to advocate on behalf of you and your families both here at home and in your Texas Capitol. And, as always, if there is any specific way my team or I can serve you, please know I am phone call or e-mail away.

God Bless you and yours!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Leach". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jeff Leach