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Happy Holidays!

I wanted to send you a quick note to let you know that while this year is very different, and some people won't be able to be with all their loved ones, I am still happy to be celebrating the season.

As your state representative, I have the honor of meeting many different people. These people celebrate this time of year very differently and have different religious views. The diversity I have experienced is really amazing.

Thus, Happy Holidays is to acknowledge the many holiday traditions in the month of December through the beginning of January. It might be a fun family assignment to research the different holidays around the world.

This year will be a bit more reserved, not as many ornaments on the tree, and not as many people around the table. But if you are with the ones you love, either in person or virtually, you are blessed. My son was able to be home on leave from the Navy for this week, and it is so nice to have him home (he is enjoying sleeping in past noon) and my daughter has been around more to help out; so our house has been blessed.

Wishing you and your loved ones a very special Holiday. Keeping those that have lost a loved one in my heart. Thinking of better times in 2021 with our loved ones.

Take care and be well, my friend.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie".



Toys for Tots

A huge thank you to the community for helping to make the 2020 Toys for Tots collection a success. Because of the generous donations made this year, children have gifts to open this holiday season.



Healthy Holidays To You

We all want to be together with friends and family during the holidays. But, if we want to protect the ones we love, we have to avoid risky situations this year — and that includes the gatherings we hold dear. With some safety tweaks, you'll see that many holiday traditions can still be enjoyed with just as much joy.

ways to holiday safely



**Stay merry.
Stay home.**

reach out to the people you love via holiday cards, phone & video calls, and if you absolutely must leave your home please always wear a mask.



**Please don't be a scrooge.
Wear a mask in public**

Spread holiday cheer without spreading anything else. If you have to leave the safety of home, wear a mask to protect yourself & those around you.



**Shop from home because
it's safer fa-la-la-la**

Help protect one another while supporting small businesses by ordering gifts for contactless pickup or delivery. And if you do shop in-store, wear a mask.

Join Me via ZOOM or on Facebook

I continue to host Monday Morning Coffee live via Facebook at 9:00am-10:00am where you can post your comments and questions.

I realize not everyone has Facebook. The good news is that you can still participate. If you would like to join us on Monday mornings, you can join in via ZOOM! Once connected via ZOOM, you'll be able to interact just as if you were on Facebook. Don't worry you will not be on live - your video feed and mic will be muted.

The ZOOM link will be emailed to everyone separately for Monday morning participation.

If you would like to join us, please email Michelle@ILDistrict84.com or call the office at [630.585.1308](tel:630.585.1308)

**Monday
mornings at
9:00am**

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**Coffee with
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COVID-19 Vaccine Plan

The COVID-19 vaccine is a critical tool to safely reach the other side of this pandemic and begin Phase 5 of the Restore Illinois plan. Illinois has already received its first shipment of vaccines and will be expected to get more throughout the months. We hope that by July everyone would get the vaccines.

Through efficient and effective distribution of the vaccine, we can suppress the spread of the virus, rebuild our economy, and save as many lives as possible. Illinois will only distribute a vaccine that is deemed safe. As we move forward, it is critical that Illinoisans continue to follow public health mitigations to suppress the spread of the virus until vaccines are in full distribution

Vaccine Distribution: Phase 1A

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LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

The FDA is reviewing two COVID-19 vaccine candidates in December 2020, with multiple others in the final stages of evaluation.

The Pfizer vaccine recorded a 95 percent effective rate across 43,000 trial participants. The FDA will consider the vaccine on December 10, 2020. It requires two doses administered three weeks apart and must be stored at minus 70 degrees Celsius in a specialized freezer that shouldn't be opened more than twice per day and only for about a minute at a time. Once thawed, it can be kept at a more typical refrigeration temperature for five days.

The Moderna vaccine recorded a 94 percent effectiveness across 30,000 trial participants. The FDA will consider the vaccine on December 17, 2020. It requires two doses administered four weeks apart. It requires storage in a standard freezer temperature for up to six months, can be refrigerated for 30 days, and left at room temperature for up to 12 hours.

CDC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR VACCINE DISTRIBUTION

The CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) — an esteemed group of public health experts and medical professionals — develops recommendations on how to use vaccines to control disease in the United States. The Committee's recommendations are then approved by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

December 1, 2020 Meeting Recommendation

ACIP voted on December 1 to recommend that healthcare workers and residents and employees of long-term care facilities or assisted living residences be the first people in the U.S. to receive COVID-19 vaccines. The panel voted 13 to 1 during an [emergency meeting](#) to make this recommendation.

PHASE 1A IN ILLINOIS

Population Groups

This phase will include frontline healthcare workers as well as residents of long-term care facilities. The goal is to fortify the healthcare workforce by removing the most exposed workers from the cycle of illness and infection as well as protect our most vulnerable residents. Illinois has nearly 655,000 people who qualify as "frontline healthcare workers" and roughly 110,000 adults statewide who live in long-term care facilities or assisted living residences.

Closure of Driver Services Facilities until Jan. 5, 2021

Jesse White Extends Closure of Driver Services Facilities until Jan. 5, 2021 . Driver's licenses and ID card expirations are extended until June 1, 2021. Online renewals have been expanded to reduce facility visits for in-person services. Select facilities open to serve new drivers and CDL applicants only. Additional information at Office of the Illinois Secretary of State [HERE](#)

NOTICE

Due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, Illinois Secretary of State Driver Services facilities statewide **ARE CLOSED** and will reopen on **Jan. 5, 2021**. Expiration dates for driver's licenses and ID cards have been extended until June 1, 2021. CDL holders are excluded. Select facilities are open to serve CDL applicants and **NEW DRIVERS**.

Please visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com to learn more or conduct online services including:

- Renewing a license plate sticker;
- Renewing a valid driver's license for qualifying drivers;
- Renewing a valid ID card for those age 22-64 (seniors 65 and older have non-expiring IDs);
- Obtaining a driver record abstract; and
- Customers with issues involving administrative hearings may contact adminhearings@ilsos.gov.

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