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IL 49TH DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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It's been a hot one. I hope you've found a way to stay cool and comfortable. Here's this week's info for you.

Masks for COVID prevention

Surgeon General Jerome Adams recommends following state and local guidelines and always wear a face covering when out in public and especially when it is difficult to socially distance. ["When we can't stay six feet away, please I'm begging you, wear a face covering."](#)

In-District

Last week, my staff started making calls to constituents. If you've ever contacted my office, by email, phone or in-person, you might hear from someone soon. It's real. I want to hear how you're doing.

Last Friday, the Education Advisory Committee held their July meeting. In anticipation of the August meeting where a representative from the Illinois State Board of Education will be joining us, we compiled questions regarding the return to school in the Fall under COVID circumstances. For upcoming meeting information, contact education.49th@gmail.com.

On-Line Driver's License & ID Application

The Illinois Secretary of State has launched an online driver's license and ID card pre-registration application program to reduce the processing time of transactions at Driver Services facilities.



Customers may go to cyberdriveillinois.com to access the pre-registration application for driver's licenses and ID cards

and input specific information regarding their upcoming transaction. Once the customer visits a Driver Services facility, the clerk will not have to enter all of the data like a change of address or a change of height and weight into the electronic application form. The hope is that this will improve the efficiency of these transactions. As a reminder, Driver Services facilities statewide are open to serve ONLY new drivers, customers with expired driver's licenses/ID cards and vehicle transactions through July 31. Expiration dates for driver's licenses/ID cards and vehicle registration stickers have been extended until Oct. 1, 2020 so customers do not need to rush into a facility. [Click here](#) to learn more.

IDES Assistance

Unemployment claim assistance continues to plague many constituents. Effective July 9th, IDES has a “call back” option. What does this mean to you? Rather than wait on hold or call multiple times, you will receive a call when you are next in line without losing your place.

It is important that you:

A. select the appropriate numeric option that best describes the reason for your call; and

B. Answer all calls. If you miss your callback, IDES staff will attempt to leave you a voicemail and will call again shortly after the first attempt. If you cannot be reached after the second attempt, you will be required to contact the call center to schedule another callback.

Callbacks are made Monday - Friday as follows: Claimant Services Center- 7:30 AM -7:00 PM; [IllinoisJobLink.com](https://www.illinoisjoblink.com), Benefit Payment Control and Employer Hotline- 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

IDES should display on Caller ID as 800-244-5631. In certain cases, this number could be blocked by your phone carrier. If you're still having difficulty, contact my office for help.

Wayne Township Food Bank



Eligible Wayne Township residents can visit the food bank located at 27W031 North Avenue, in West Chicago. Currently, the food bank is offering Saturday drive through pick up on July 11th and July 25th. Please contact the food pantry for more information at 630-231-7173. Or visit their [website](#).

What's Next?

This week the Mental Health & Senior Advisory Committees will host their very first virtual meetings. If you are interested in participating, contact mentalhealth.49th@gmail.com or senior.49th@gmail.com for meeting links.

Facebook Live

As always, don't forget to follow me on Facebook and tune in each Saturday morning at 10 am for my [Facebook](#) Live updates. I'd love to see you there.

