

# State Representative Karina Villa



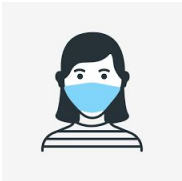
IL 49TH DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

JULY 7, 2020

It's been another big week in the 49th District. Here's what's new.

## COVID-19

It is important to remind ourselves that COVID-19 still exists. Please remember to practice social distancing when possible, wash your hands regularly and wear a face mask when social distancing isn't possible. We've come a long way together, and have a long way to go.



## In-District

My staff and I have been in the district distributing Business Interruption Grant information to barbershops, salons, gyms/fitness centers and bars/restaurants not able to offer outside service. If we've missed you or you know of someone who could benefit from funds, the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity has grants available. See the [DCEO website](#) for details. Deadline to apply is today July 7, 2020.

## Minimum Wage Increase

Beginning July 1st Illinois minimum wage increased to \$10/hour. Certain exceptions apply. For details, see the [IL Department of Labor](#).

## SNAP Benefits for Children

The deadline for Pandemic-EBT applications has been extended to July 15, 2020. This benefit can help you buy food for your school age children, who would receive free or reduced-priced meals when schools are in session. For more information: [Pandemic EPT](#) or to apply: [ABE Application](#).

## Census 2020

The Census remains to be an important issue for us all. Nerve before have we been able to see the direct result of available resources for communities as we have during this coronavirus crisis. I can't stress enough how important it is that we all be counted. Every person from infant to the elderly needs to be counted so that our communities get the federal funding we deserve. If you haven't already, please complete your census now. [Census 2020](#).



## What's Next?

Last week's newsletter shared information about the Advisory Committees resuming their monthly meetings. Please be sure to contact my office or the advisory chairs if you'd like to attend a meeting.



## Facebook Live

And 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.