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IL 49TH DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Friends & Neighbors,

As the summer draws to an end, we are seeing spikes in coronavirus across Illinois. I would like to urge you all to remain cautious and adhere to the public safety guidelines established by the CDC and the Illinois Department of Public Health. I think we can all agree that we don't want to move backward when we've come so far in our fight against COVID-19.

In-District

This last week I stayed in touch and active with constituents and constituent concern via virtual meetings. Early in the week, my staff and I participated in discussions about obstacles to citizenship and the sponsorship of detained children with immigration attorney, Rocio Berilli.

I spoke to participants of a health equity conference call regarding the concerns of migrant, immigrant and vulnerable working class populations.

Lastly, the Education Advisory Committee hosted their monthly meeting last Friday. The meeting included representatives from ISBE who answered questions submitted by the Committee regarding guidelines for returning to school in the fall. If you are interested in participating in upcoming Education Advisory Committee meetings, email the advisory chairs at education.49th@gmail.com for a meeting link.

School District Updates

You can find that information here: [U-46](#), [St. Charles](#), [Geneva](#), [Batavia](#), [West Chicago High School](#), [West Chicago District 33](#), [Indian Prairie](#), and [West Aurora](#).

IHDA Emergency Rent Assistance

The [Illinois Housing Development Authority](#) has developed programs for Emergency Rental Assistance and Emergency Mortgage Assistance for households who have lost income due to COVID-19. Beginning August 10th applications for Emergency Rental Assistance are available on their website.

Applications for Emergency Mortgage Assistance are projected to be available on August 24th.

Small Business Funding Update

If you applied for the Business Interruption Grant (BIG) last month, we've been advised that applications are still being reviewed.

August is National Black Business Month. Be sure to find and support local businesses in the 49th District like [Bulldog Nutrition](#), [Assisting Hands Home Care](#), [LDJ Cleaning](#), [Prairie Gymnastics Club](#), [Valley Upholstery](#), [Finetix Fitness](#) and [Jackson Insurance](#).

Census 2020

You may have seen enumerators in your neighborhoods. The enumerators are working to finalize counts for the 2020 Census. It is important to know that the previously extended date for completing the Census has been moved to September 30, 2020. That's the final date to be counted in your community.

If you haven't completed the Census online, please do so now! We must ensure that *everyone, everywhere* is counted. A proper accounting of the number of people in our community makes sure that the federal funds vital to supporting us is properly distributed. Remember, You count. I Count. We Count.

What's Next?

This week the Senior Advisory Committee will meet virtually on Friday morning. If you're interested in participating, please contact the committee chairs for a meeting link at seniors.49th@gmail.com.

Although I am working remotely, I continue to meet with constituents. My staff and I are continually working on connecting to the community with information relevant to the 49th District. If you have questions or concerns or would like more information on a subject, please contact my district office.

