THE FLORIDA SENATE
SENATOR WILTON SIMPSON
President

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Senators and Senate Professional Staff
FROM: Wilton Simpson
SUBJECT: Senate COVID-19 Protocols, Testing Sign Up
DATE: January 20, 2021

I appreciate the cooperation and support of Senators and Professional Senate Staff as we all work to implement and adhere to the Senate's COVID-19 protocols for the month of January. Based on the current conditions in our state, **I am extending these protocols for the month of February.**

In preparation for our second interim committee week, I wanted to provide a few reminders and clarifications on our protocols:

1. In keeping with CDC guidelines, there is a mask requirement in the Senate. When in committee, please wear a mask. If you are speaking in committee, you can temporarily remove your mask. The risk of transmission in our committee rooms is extremely low because all Senators and professional staff are PCR tested prior to meetings, we observe social distancing in committees, and the Senate is temporarily closed to the public.

2. Please do not bring outside visitors, including lobbyists, into the Senate Office Building. As I stated before, we encourage you to hold meetings via phone or video conferencing. Additionally, meeting in an outdoor setting greatly reduces (not eliminates) the risk of transmitting COVID-19. We have set up additional tables around the Senate portico to help accommodate outdoor meetings.

3. You may now sign up for COVID-19 testing for the week of January 25, 2021, at [redacted]. **Please keep the earlier testing slots for those who need to work on Sunday.** If you do not need to work on Sunday, sign up after 12:00 p.m. on Sunday or anytime Monday. You must download and fill out the requisition form and bring it to your appointment.

4. If you have recovered from COVID-19 and have been cleared to return to work within the last 90 days, do not sign up for a test at the mobile testing bus. Instead, please email [redacted] to schedule a time to take a self-administered rapid antigen test.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate contacting Senate Administration at (850) 487-5636 or email [redacted].