The Florida House of Representatives

Office of the Speaker

MEMORANDUM

To: Members and Designated District Employees

From: Office of the Speaker

Date: January 20, 2021

Re: COVID-19 Diagnostic Testing for the Week of January 25

The Division of Emergency Management will be stationed in the portico of the Knott Building to administer COVID-19 diagnostic testing during the week of January 25. A negative COVID-19 molecular/PCR test from the onsite testing service is a prerequisite for access to House spaces. To allow enough time for testing and the delivery of results, please plan to arrive to Tallahassee the day before your first commitment inside the Capitol Complex.

Managing the testing service for the entire Legislature is a complex operation. We ask that you **please schedule your appointment by close of business on Friday, January 22**. If you are unable to make your original day and time, please reschedule your appointment through the sign-up page instead of walking up to the testing site without an appointment.

Appointments are available at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/FLCommitteeWeekJan25. From this site, you can download the Requisition Form that is required for testing. **Please complete the form and bring a hard copy with you to your appointment** to ensure a shorter wait and avoid unnecessary queues. Members and district employees designated to travel to Tallahassee for committee weeks who have received a positive COVID-19 diagnosis in the past 90 days and who have no new symptoms, may report this diagnosis on the Requisition Form and take a rapid antigen test instead of the PCR test.

If your test results indicate the presence of the COVID-19 virus, you will be contacted directly at the phone number you provided on the Requisition Form. For testing on Sunday, we have increased the number of available appointments per slot; therefore, results may take as long as six (6) hours to become available. For testing that takes place Monday through Wednesday, you may access the House spaces in the Capitol if you do not receive a call within two (2) hours from your test time.

Members diagnosed with COVID-19, who are exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms, or who are in quarantine must please notify HSO@myfloridahouse.gov, as well as request excusal by the chair from attending meetings of committees to which they are appointed.

District legislative assistants diagnosed with COVID-19, who are exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms or who are in quarantine are not authorized to travel to Tallahassee. District staff must return to their district immediately if they are not cleared with a negative COVID-19 diagnostic test from the on-site testing service.

Please email COVIDQuestions@myfloridahouse.gov with your questions regarding COVID-19.