



## THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE



## OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

**BILL GALVANO**  
*President of the Senate*

**JOSE R. OLIVA**  
*Speaker of the House of  
Representatives*

### MEMORANDUM

TO: All Legislators

FROM: Senate President Bill Galvano  
House Speaker Jose R. Oliva

DATE: August 27, 2019

SUBJECT: Doctor of the Day Program for the 2020 Regular Session

In anticipation of the 2020 Regular Session, preparations for the Doctor of the Day program are underway. You are invited to sponsor physicians who will assist, with the support and cooperation of the Legislative Clinic, in providing medical services to the Senate and House during session. Attached is an information sheet explaining the responsibilities and activities for the Doctor of the Day and other pertinent information about the program, all of which will be provided to participating physicians. You may begin submitting your recommendations.

For questions about the Doctor of the Day program, contact Mavis Knight at [knight.mavis@leg.state.fl.us](mailto:knight.mavis@leg.state.fl.us) or (850) 717-0301.

Attachments

## **DOCTOR OF THE DAY PROGRAM**

The Doctor of the Day program was founded in the 1960s by a former Florida House member, Representative Walter Sackett, M.D., from Miami. Representative Sackett encouraged the Florida Medical Association to bring a physician to Tallahassee each day of the Regular Session. This program, which is administered by the Legislative Clinic, delivers a vital professional service to the members of the Florida Legislature and all legislative employees. The physicians of Florida have provided this important voluntary public service each year since the program's inception.

Physicians are responsible for their own hotel reservations and costs associated with participating as Doctor of the Day and are encouraged to arrange their hotel accommodations as soon as possible as hotels book quickly as session approaches. Please be aware that downtown parking is extremely scarce; for this reason the DoubleTree Hotel is recommended based on its close proximity to the Capitol and parking garage for hotel guests. A list of local hotels near the Capitol and Tallahassee Downtown Public Parking Guide are provided to assist in identifying accommodations.

Physicians serving as Doctor of the Day should bring their prescription pads and DEA numbers and arrive at the Legislative Clinic, room 313 of the Capitol, at 8:00 a.m., on their specific day(s) so the clinic nurses may brief physicians on the legislative activities for the day. Physicians should plan to be available until 4:00 p.m. or 4:30 p.m. each day, except Fridays, when physicians may be released from their duties after the noon hour. The Senate and House normally convene daily; however, legislative schedules are *always* subject to change and session may be cancelled at any time.

During the first few weeks of session, Mondays and Fridays are often used as travel days for legislative members; therefore, it is possible that there will not be any scheduled committee meetings or full session. If physicians have chosen to serve as Doctor of the Day on a Monday or Friday, these days may be slower in terms of activity. Further, during the week of Passover, there are no scheduled committee meetings or full session. However, it is still beneficial to have a physician present in the Capitol on these days as the Capitol will have a number of staff present who may need medical assistance.

It is important to note that the Doctor of the Day must observe the rules of the Senate and House, which include a prohibition against lobbying or in any way attempting to influence legislators' opinions while guests of either chamber. Dress code for the Doctor of the Day is business attire; coat and tie are required for gentlemen.

The Doctor of the Day will be introduced by either the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives, depending on which chamber is sponsoring the physician and if that chamber is in full session; therefore, it is *very important* that the scheduled physician is on the floor of the appropriate chamber 15 minutes prior to session beginning. The Doctor of the Day will be escorted to the sponsoring chamber by staff from the Legislative Clinic. The clinic will provide the physician with a badge that says "Doctor of the Day" which serves as a "pass" to enter the chamber. The Doctor of the Day may sit with his or her local delegation in the sponsoring chamber. If the sponsoring chamber is not in session, the Doctor of the Day is free to attend committee meetings or visit legislators' offices. The Doctor of the Day may be called on his or her cell phone to see patients with either non-emergencies or true emergencies. In the event of an emergency, clinic staff will make every effort to get the physician from the chamber floor.

### **Important contacts for the Doctor of the Day:**

|                                 |                |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Legislative Clinic              | (850) 488-5241 |
| Tallahassee Memorial Hospital   | (850) 431-1155 |
| Capital Regional Medical Center | (850) 325-5000 |
| Office of Legislative Services  | (850) 717-0301 |

## HOTELS NEAR THE FLORIDA CAPITOL - TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

### **DoubleTree Hotel Tallahassee**

101 South Adams Street 32301  
(850) 224-5000

*Walking distance to the Capitol*

### **Governor's Inn**

209 South Adams Street 32301  
(850) 681-6855

*Walking distance to the Capitol*

### **Aloft Tallahassee Downtown**

200 North Monroe Street 32301  
(850) 513-0313

*0.4 mile from the Capitol*

### **Residence Inn Tallahassee Universities at the Capitol**

600 West Gaines Street 32304  
(850) 329-9080

*0.5 mile from the Capitol*

### **Hotel Duval, Autograph Collection**

415 North Monroe Street 32301  
(850) 224-6000

*0.6 mile from the Capitol*

### **Four Points by Sheraton – Tallahassee Downtown**

316 West Tennessee Street 32301  
(850) 422-0071

*0.5 miles from the Capitol*

### **Courtyard by Marriott Tallahassee Capital**

1018 Apalachee Parkway 32301  
(850) 222-8822

*0.9 mile from the Capitol*

### **Hampton Inn & Suites Tallahassee Capitol University**

824 Railroad Avenue 32310  
(850) 692-7150

*0.6 mile from the Capitol*

### **Comfort Suites**

1026 Apalachee Parkway 32301  
(850) 224-3200

*1.0 mile from the Capitol*

### **Wyndham Garden Tallahassee Capitol**

1355 Apalachee Parkway 32301  
(850) 877-3171

*1.3 miles from the Capitol*

### **Hilton Garden Inn Tallahassee Central**

1330 Blairstone Road 32301  
(850) 893-8300

*2.0 miles from the Capitol*

### **Best Western Pride Inn & Suite**

2016 Apalachee Parkway 32301  
(850) 656-6312

*2.1 miles from the Capitol*

### **Tru by Hilton Tallahassee Central**

2814 Apalachee Parkway 32301  
(866) 538-0154

*2.7 miles from the Capitol*

### **SpringHill Suites Tallahassee Central**

1300 Executive Center Drive 32301  
(850) 325-1103

*2.8 miles from the Capitol*

### **Baymont Inn & Suites Tallahassee Central**

2850 Apalachee Parkway 32301  
(850) 878-5099

*2.9 miles from the Capitol*

### **Candlewood Suites Tallahassee**

2815 Lakeshore Drive West 32312  
(850) 597-7000

*3.2 miles from the Capitol*

### **Hampton Inn Tallahassee Central**

2979 Apalachee Parkway 32301  
(850) 309-1300

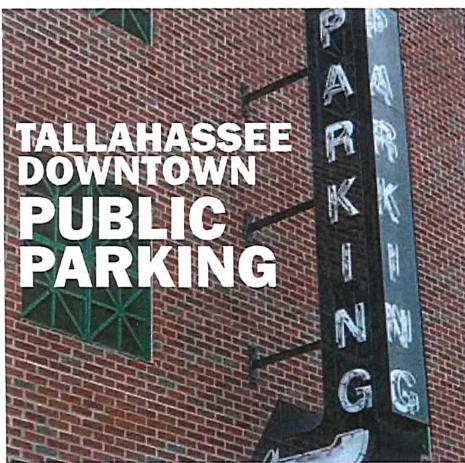
*3.2 miles from the Capitol*

### **Homewood Suites by Hilton Tallahassee**

2987 Apalachee Parkway 32301  
(850) 402-9400

*3.3 miles from the Capitol*

**Please be aware when making reservations that parking is limited near the Capitol.**



## ON STREET METERS

- ONE HOUR OR LESS
- TWO HOURS
- FOUR HOURS

## CITY OF TALLAHASSEE PUBLIC PARKING GARAGES

**P** EASTSIDE PARKING  
GARAGE (Enter on Calhoun)

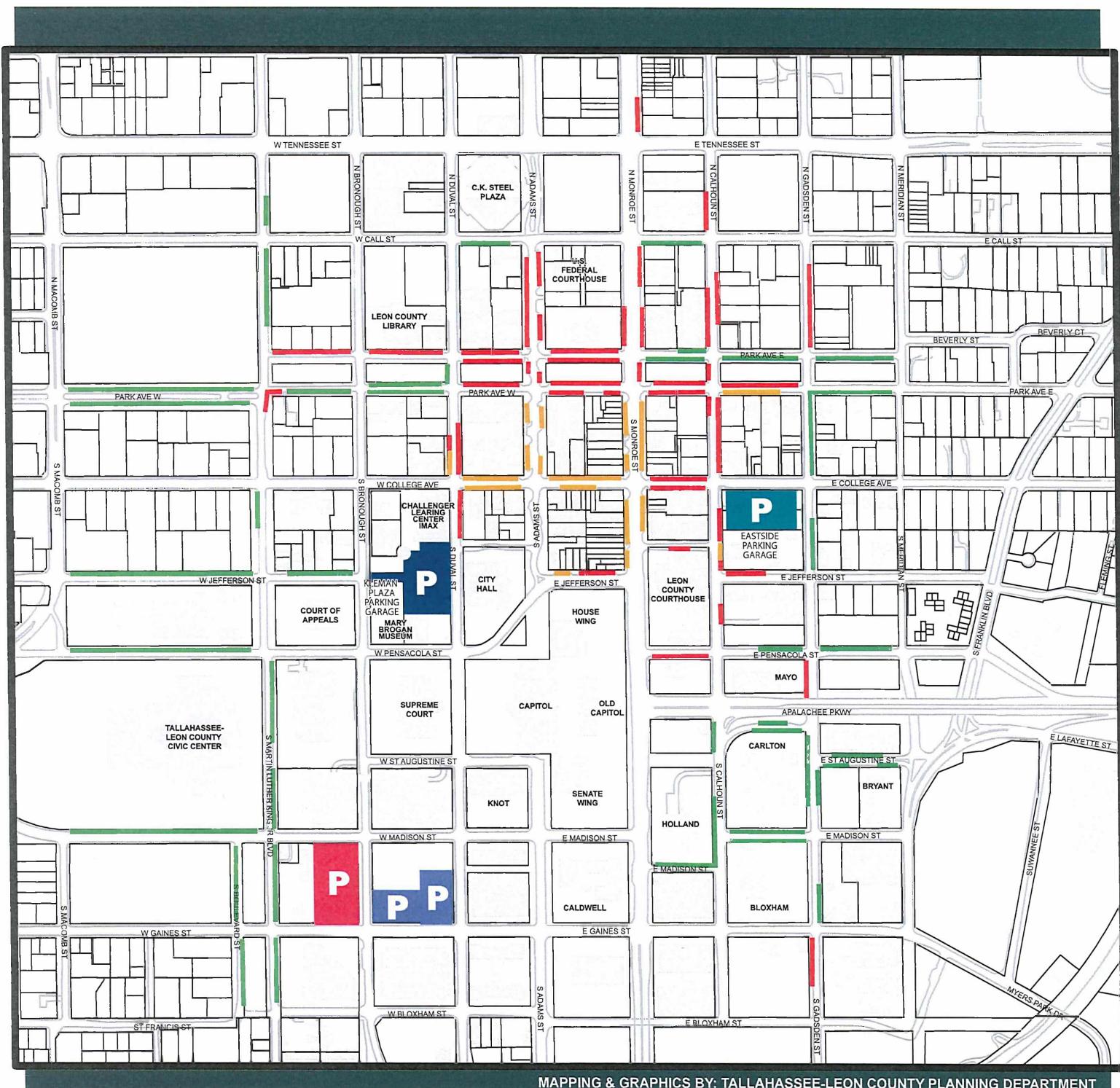
**P** KLEMAN PLAZA  
PARKING GARAGE  
(Enter on Bronough or Duval)

**P** DUVAL STREET  
SURFACE LOT  
(Enter on Duval)

**P** BRONOUGH STREET  
SURFACE LOT  
(Enter on Bronough)

For more information  
Republic Parking  
561-3066

Brochure provided by the  
Tallahassee Downtown  
Improvement Authority



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