

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

January 8, 2021

The Honorable Ron DeSantis
Governor of Florida
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Governor DeSantis:

We write to respectfully request a virtual briefing for Members of the Florida congressional delegation regarding the COVID-19 vaccination process in the state, to be held as soon as feasible.

We are receiving constituent inquiries regarding this process, including questions about the order in which individuals will be given the vaccine; the expected timeline for vaccinations; the locations at which individuals in different parts of the state can obtain their vaccine; the respective roles of the state government, county governments, hospitals, physicians, and other stakeholders in the health care system; and whether the process will vary in any respect based on the type of health insurance an individual has (e.g., Medicaid, Medicare, private insurance) or if they do not have health insurance at all.

We are eager to learn more and believe a briefing from you, or your designee, would enable us to respond to those constituent inquiries, conduct oversight of the vaccination process, and better advocate for the federal government to provide additional technical or other assistance where appropriate and necessary for smooth distribution. All of us share your goal of making the vaccination process in Florida as swift and effective as possible in order to save lives.

Sincerely,

/s/ Stephanie Murphy
Member of Congress

/s/ Mario Díaz-Balart
Member of Congress

/s/ Alcee L. Hastings
Member of Congress

/s/ Gus M. Bilirakis
Member of Congress

/s/ Lois Frankel
Member of Congress

/s/ María Elvira Salazar
Member-Elect of Congress

/s/ Val Demings
Member of Congress

/s/ Carlos A. Giménez
Member of Congress

/s/ Debbie Wasserman Schultz
Member of Congress

/s/ Charlie Crist
Member of Congress

/s/ Kathy Castor
Member of Congress

/s/ Ted Deutch
Member of Congress

/s/ Al Lawson
Member of Congress

/s/ Darren Soto
Member of Congress

cc: The Honorable Jared Moscovitz, Director, Florida Division of Emergency Management
The Honorable Scott Rivkees, State Surgeon General, Florida Department of Health