



# IL State Senator Karina Villa



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Hello friends & neighbors,

While the extreme cold has us all home bound again, my team and I are taking this time to revamp our means of communication with you. Please watch for updates on my [Facebook](#) page, InstaGram, and [website](#). This is a very exciting opportunity for me to connect with you and to make sure that resources and information are shared as many ways as possible, as quickly as possible.

## **In-District**

I continue to work diligently with community partners to bring vaccines to our most vulnerable populations. In the coming weeks, I hope to see many more vaccine clinics like the one hosted by District 94. As always, as information becomes available, my staff and I will do our utmost to share information as quickly as possible. In the meanwhile, I would ask that you remain patient and continue to check in with your county health department ([Kendall County Health Department](#), [Kane County Health Department](#), [DuPage County Health Department](#)), your primary care provider, your local pharmacy, and the [VNA](#).

In other news, the Advisory Committees have resumed meeting this week in collaboration with Representative Hirschauer. This evening the Mental Health Advisory Committee is meeting at 7:00 p.m and the Senior Advisory Committee meeting will meet tomorrow at 10:00 am.

## **Small Business Relief**

If you or someone you know has a small business of 300 or less employees, you'll want to read on. The Small Business Association has opened up much needed relief for small businesses. You can now apply for a "Second Draw" PPP loan from participating lenders. This opportunity closes on March 31st so be sure to spread the word about it to anyone you know who can benefit from this service. Businesses can learn more about PPP by visiting the Illinois [Small Biz Assistance Business Information Center](#).

## **Mental Health Resources**

These have been tough times for us all. In these times I encourage you all to check in with yourselves. Your mental health should always be a priority. If you or anyone you know is currently struggling with any mental health issues, I encourage you to check out the following resources: [NAMI DuPage](#), [NAMI Kane & Kendall](#), [Family Service Association in Elgin](#), [TriCity Family Services in Geneva](#), and [Family Counseling Service in Oswego](#).

## **PUA Overpayment?**

Last week we received notification that the Illinois Department of Employment Securities began notification of individuals who have been identified as having a PUA overpayment. Beginning this last Monday, IDES was to send emails to those individuals with *instructions* for next steps in requesting a waiver. If you, or someone you know, has *not* received an email, please contact my Constituent Services Liaison, Sammy, for assistance. You can reach Sammy via email at [ConstituentServices@SenatorVilla.com](mailto:ConstituentServices@SenatorVilla.com) or by phone at 630-326-9319 (English) / 630-326-9419 (Spanish).

## **What's Next?**

Watch for more details for the Education and Environment Advisory Committees as they determine their upcoming meeting schedules.

As always,



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