

OPEN LETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN DANNY K. DAVIS

TO RESIDENTS OF THE ILLINOIS CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM

I am Congressman Danny K. Davis and I commend the Illinois Department of Corrections for trying to make sure that all the staff and inmates under its jurisdiction are adequately cared for and protected from the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The realities are that as of right now the most effective protections that we have are observing and practicing Public Health Protocols, social distancing, wearing a face covering, frequent washing of hands, keeping your health status good and fortunately we finally have an effective vaccine, please take it when it is available to you.

I have taken both doses and have experienced no adverse side effects, not even a sore arm. Millions of people in the U.S. have taken the vaccine and experienced no problems. Serious side effects are rare. The COVID-19 Vaccine is 95% effective in preventing severe or symptomatic disease which can keep people healthy and alive.

People who live in shared spaces like nursing homes and prisons are at higher risk due to their inability to appropriately social distance. COVID-19 is disproportionately affecting Black and Brown Communities. The vaccines are effective and safe. They have gone through large clinical trials and were subjected to the same testing that all vaccines must complete. The vaccine is made available at no personal cost to the individual and is paid for at government expense. The vaccine is the same that everyone is getting and will help the world develop immunity to bring an end to the disease.

I encourage everyone medically eligible to take the vaccine. I have taken both doses and have not experienced any negative side effects. Please share this information with your family and friends on the outside so that they can help our communities build immunity. Stay safe, be healthy and help save our world.

Your friend...

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Danny K. Davis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "D" at the beginning.

Danny K. Davis,
Member of Congress, IL-7