Care for the Common Good

A healthy economy requires **healthy citizens**.

❤️  To control the COVID-19 pandemic, we must develop, produce and deploy a safe and effective vaccine. **Success depends on if Americans are vaccinated.**

❤️  In the face of a pandemic, efforts to address mental health and substance use disorders **must be accelerated.**

❤️  **Smoking and vaping worsen** the health of all communities (especially during the COVID-19 pandemic).

As regional economies reopen, **public health guidance must be prioritized.**

**Public health infrastructure must be prepared** for mass deployment of a COVID-19 vaccine equitably across all populations.

The issue of **implicit bias must be addressed** in the health care delivery system.

**All leaders, including those elected, are important role models** and should follow recommended public health measures.

**Racism is a public health crisis.**

Due to COVID-19, the rate of **drug overdoses** is once again **on the rise.**


**Our Public Health system should be adequately funded** to beat COVID-19 and prepare for other threats.

**Investment in public health** is critical to improving the health outcomes of vulnerable populations.

**Health disparities** amount to $93B in excess medical costs and $42B in economic losses from premature deaths.