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KJL WEEKLY UPDATE

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KJL SPECIAL ALERT

The Khoury Johnson and Leavitt team remain informed and engaged during these times of uncertainty. We are in communication with leadership in the executive, legislative and judiciary branches of state government, in addition to locals on a regular basis. Updates will continue every Friday as a mechanism to recap relevant activity from the past week.

Michigan Supreme Court declines to hear Republican election fraud lawsuit

The Michigan Supreme Court won't order an audit, nor will it seize ballots and block officials from certifying the already-certified presidential election.

In a split ruling issued Wednesday, the majority said the state's highest court doesn't have the power to do so and according to the opinion written by Elizabeth T. Clement, entertaining arguments on the topic would only "prolong the uncertainty over the legal status of this election's outcome."

The decision is the latest in a series of unsuccessful or pending legal attempts commenced by Trump's administration or supporters to overturn Michigan elections results that indicate the incumbent lost to President-Elect Joe Biden by nearly 155,000 votes.

Republican voters and members of Black Voices for Trump, Angelic Johnson and Linda L. Tarver, filed a request for an expedited hearing before the Supreme Court on Nov. 26. The court ruled 4-3 against taking up the case. Chief Justice Pro Tem David F. Viviano, Justice Brian K. Zahra and Justice Stephen J. Markman opposed the ruling.

Application for Pure Michigan Small Business Relief Initiative grants goes live on Dec. 15

- \$10 million available to support small businesses disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 crisis, recent DHHS epidemic orders
- Application live on www.michiganbusiness.org/relief beginning Dec. 15 at 9 a.m. EST with applications reviewed on a "first-in" basis
- Small businesses encouraged to review materials, including application questions and tutorial, before applying
- Michigan Municipal League Foundation to serve as statewide grant administrator

Michigan's small businesses that have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 virus will be able to apply for grants of up to \$15,000 through the Pure Michigan Small Business Relief Initiative beginning at 9:00 a.m. EST on Tuesday, December 15. The program will utilize \$10 million in federal U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) CARES Act funding to provide economic assistance to small businesses across Michigan. Grants will be awarded in the amount of up to \$15,000 per eligible business on a "first-in" basis. Information on how to apply - including application questions and instructions and a video tutorial on the application process - as well as eligibility criteria and program guidelines are available at www.michiganbusiness.org/relief.

Michigan expects to get 257,000 vaccine doses in first shipments

Michigan's health departments, hospitals and pharmacies are anticipating receiving an estimated 257,000 doses of the first COVID-19 vaccines when they become available, as soon as later this month.

Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive for the Department of Health and Human Services said Thursday, Dec. 10, that her department is preparing to distribute vaccines as soon as they're authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Current federal estimates call for Michigan to receive 84,000 doses of the Pfizer and BioNTech vaccine once it becomes available, followed by an 173,000 doses of the Moderna vaccine when it's available, according to Khaldun.

Front-line health care workers, along with staff and residents of long-term care facilities are expected to be the first to receive COVID-19 vaccines, followed by other essential workers, individuals with underlying medical conditions and individuals 65 and older.

Khaldun's hope is for vaccines to be available for the general public by late spring 2021.

Incoming House Members Identify Key Staff

Speaker-elect Jason **WENTWORTH** (R-Farwell) announced his senior staff line-up for the new legislative term that begins in January, naming 14 members of the team, including three current reps.

Current Representative Lynn **AFENDOULIS** (R-Grand Rapids) will become the new press secretary. Current Representative Shane **HERNANDEZ** (R-Port Huron) will become the director of strategy. Current Representative James **LOWER** (R-Eureka Twp.) will be a strategic advisor.

Hassan **BEYDOUN** will continue as general counsel for the House. Phil **BROWNE** will become the new budget director. Becky **BURTKA** will be the legislative director. Gideon **D'ASSANDRO** will continue as communications director.

Anthony **MARKWORT** will be director of caucus services. Brian **MILLS** will be policy director.

Kellie **RANKEY** will be director of external affairs. Robbie **RANKEY** will serve as deputy chief of staff.

Abby **WALLS** will become communications manager. Brad **WEVER** will be deputy policy director. Lindsay **YOUNG** will be senior deputy legal counsel. Joe **PERRY** was previously announced as the new chief of staff.

Incoming House Appropriations Committee Chair Tom **ALBERT** (R-Lowell) has named David **GRECO** his senior budget advisor for the 2021-22 session. Greco worked in the House in numerous roles under the speakership of Jase **BOLGER**, Kevin **COTTER** and Tom **LEONARD**. He worked for the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and, most recently, the Michigan Manufacturers Association.

KJL COVID RESOURCE TAB

A COVID 19 resource tab has been added to our website www.kjlteam.com. We will continue to update that tab with information relevant to our clients. Also, if you haven't already, please follow us on Facebook and Instagram for daily information.

MI Vaccination Prioritization Guidance Plan

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/coronavirus/MI_COVID-19_Vaccination_Prioritization_Guidance_710349_7.pdf



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www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.com

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