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Jacksonville, FL – Representative Tracie Davis (D-Jacksonville) has sent letters to the Governor and Speaker of the House following multiple <u>reports</u> that several south Florida hospitals and long-term care facilities have explicitly extended invitations to financial donors or members of boards of directors to receive the COVID-19 vaccine possibly ahead of the public.

These facilities include the Jackson Health System, Mount Sinai Medical Center, Baptist Health hospital systems, and the MorseLife Health System long-term care facility in West Palm Beach. It has also been reported the Hernando County health department selected Wellington at Seven Hills, an upscale-gated community, as a COVID-19 vaccine dispensation point.

Representative Davis issued the following statement:

"It is unclear why these individuals were prioritized for vaccination and we need this clarified. Due to the limited supply of COVID-19 vaccinations currently available, the State has prioritized vaccinations for long-term care facilities' residents and staff, individuals 65 years of age or older, essential frontline workers, and those most vulnerable to COVID-19 and its related complications. Now is not the time for the connected to cut the line ahead of those in need. We must be sure that these facilities are doing the right thing and abiding by the plan."