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**SENATE PRESIDENT CORTEZ AND HOUSE SPEAKER SCHEXNAYDER
CLOSELY MONITORING COVID-19 SITUATION**

Senate President Page Cortez and Speaker of the House of Representatives Clay Schexnayder are communicating daily to discuss the latest updates on COVID-19 and its effect on the immediate future of the legislative session. Both leaders are committed to meeting the legislature's constitutional responsibilities without needlessly putting anyone at risk.

"The virus and its impact on our state are changing by the hour," noted President Cortez. "The Speaker and I have been and will continue to be in constant communication as we make decisions regarding the legislative session. Our utmost priority is the welfare of our members, staff, and visiting public."

"Because of the fluidity of the situation, we are asking all legislators and the public to be flexible and understanding as we make decisions that we believe are best for this state," added Speaker Schexnayder. "Our primary goal is to best serve the people of Louisiana."

The President and the Speaker encourage everyone to visit their respective legislative websites - <http://senate.la.gov/covid-19/> and https://house.louisiana.gov/H_Misc/COVID19 - to receive the latest updates regarding the status of the 2020 Regular Legislative Session as well as information on screening protocols taking place at the State Capitol. Constituents are encouraged to contact their legislators with concerns.

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