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**Arizona House of Representatives**

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## **Representative Cook Applauds Arizona's COVID Vaccine Distribution to Gila & Pinal Counties**

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – State Representative David Cook (R-8) today expressed appreciation for the state's ongoing efforts to manage distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine supply received from the federal government, and cited positive feedback that he has received from county constituents as a result:

"The Governor's office has been extremely responsive to me concerning issues I've raised with getting the vaccine out to residents in Gila and Pinal Counties. When I heard that Pinal County had recently run out of the vaccine, I contacted Governor Ducey's staff, and they immediately responded. Days later, a constituent in the district informed me that Pinal County sent a new supply of the vaccine to the Kearny clinic, thanking me for communicating up their concerns. That's just part of our job as legislators, and sometimes the biggest help to someone is simply helping their voice be heard.

"A week later, another constituent sent me a note saying they were concerned Gila County wasn't getting enough COVID vaccines and asked if I could do anything to help. Again, I reached out to the Governor's office and they were quick to explain the situation and share some positive news that the state was in the process of significantly increasing the number of doses available to rural counties because the state received a higher vaccine allocation. They noted that weekly supply numbers are subject to change based on actual distribution from the feds. It is extremely helpful to get information that I can convey back to my constituents in situations like this, which I did.

"I mention all this because, up until now, we've heard and read media reports that have been critical of vaccine distribution efforts. I felt that it was important to highlight some of positive that I've encountered. Our state's personnel are working hard and taking great care to ensure that the vaccine is distributed as widely and fairly as possible. I can testify that the process of government isn't always pretty, but here in Arizona it does work, and I've been genuinely impressed with the state and local efforts to get vaccine doses distributed as quickly as possible and the responsiveness to people's concerns. It gives me confidence that the situation will only get better as the supply our state receives from the feds continues to increase as it has."

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