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## Rep. Kitchens to host virtual listening sessions

MADISON, Wis. – Rep. Joel Kitchens (R-Sturgeon Bay) will host a series of listening sessions on Feb. 25 to give his constituents an opportunity to share their thoughts on the proposed 2021-23 biennial budget and other state matters.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the one-hour listening sessions will be held virtually. They will begin at 9 a.m., 1 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

"These listening sessions are very important to me because they give me a chance to hear from my constituents, which greatly helps me in advocating for our shared priorities at the state Capitol," Rep. Kitchens said.

"However, it's just not safe enough right now to meet face-to-face with large groups of people," he added. "Given that, I have decided to do these particular listening sessions virtually so my constituents can be better protected while still being able to provide their input on addressing our state's most pressing needs."

Any constituent who would like to take part in one of the listening sessions can request a Zoom link and password by sending an email to <u>Rep.Kitchens@legis.wi.gov</u>.

Because of the large number of expected attendees, participants are being asked to join only one session. In addition, comments will be limited to one minute per person. This will allow for everyone to have an opportunity to speak.

"Given our current state of affairs, this is going to be a rather difficult budget to put together," Rep. Kitchens said. "I am looking forward to receiving feedback from my constituents so we can more effectively collaborate on passing a budget that benefits our district and the entire state as a whole."

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