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Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan, left, listens to White Horse owner Jackie Lee on Monday in St. Cloud.

Lt. governor stops at White Horse to talk COVID-19 struggles

Flanagan says she continues to advocate for relief funding

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ST. CLOUD — Monday's lunchtime crowd at the White Horse included Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan after she listened to the owner's feedback on how the pandemic has affected her small business.

Flanagan stopped in St. Cloud Monday on a half-day trip to Central Minnesota as part of a statewide small business listening tour. Flanagan also stopped at Stoney Brook Farms in Foley earlier in the day.

White Horse owner Jackie Lee told Flanagan and state Rep. Dan Wolgammott, D-St. Cloud, how much she appreciated financial help in the form of the Paycheck Protection Program and

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Lee speaks to Flanagan on Monday in St. Cloud. Flanagan stopped at the business as part of a statewide small business listening tour. PHOTOS BY ZACH DWYER/ST. CLOUD TIMES

CORONAVIRUS IN MINNESOTA

Stearns Co. adds 113 cases, 1 death

State sees fourth day of 1,500-plus cases

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Another resident of Stearns County has died due to COVID-19, according to Monday's report from the Minnesota Department of Health.

Stearns County added 113 more cases Monday.

Overall the state added 1,616 confirmed cases and 16 probable cases to its tally of COVID-19 infections. Monday's report included five new deaths.

The person from Stearns County who died was between 95 and 99 years old.

Monday marks the fourth consecutive day with more than 1,500 added to the case count. Friday exceeded 2,000 and set a new high for cases added in a day.

Benton County added 16 confirmed cases to its total. And Sherburne added 28.

"Despite our pretty impressively high testing numbers, we're still not able to catch all the disease that is out there," said Health Commissioner Jan Malcolm on a Monday call with reporters. "Case growth is faster than testing growth."

The number of Minnesotans who have tested positive for COVID-19

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President Donald Trump appeared for an event in Carson City, Nev., on Sunday, part of a swing through Western states. LANCE IVERSEN/AP

Rallying the staff: Trump insults experts, dismisses polls. 5A

Here to stay

Activities continue for St. Cloud schools despite distance learning. **Sports, 1B**

Watch online candidate forums live, for free

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SC Times journalists will moderate several online candidate forums involving local races and the public is invited to watch for free starting later this week.

To view a forum live online, you must register by visiting its link below. Each forum can accommodate about 250 attendees.

Registered attendees will receive a link to only the forum for which they register. People can register for as many forums as they desire.

In advance of the Nov. 3 election, here are the online forums scheduled as of Monday:

- **At 1 p.m. Friday**, Times journalist



Nora Hertel will moderate an online forum involving candidates in legislative District 14. Invited to participate are Aric Putnam and Jerry Relph in the Senate race, Tami Calhoun and Tama Theis in the House District 14A race, and Paul Brandmire and Dan Wolgammott in the House District 14 B race. Register at <https://tickets.sctimes.com/e/sc-times-2020-candidate-forum-templ-1/> to receive a link by email so you can watch the online forum live.

- **At 7 p.m. Friday**, Times journalist Erik Newland will moderate an online

forum involving the four candidates running for the Sartell-St. Stephen school board. Invited to participate are Taryn Gentile, Tricia Meling, Matt Moehrle and Jason Nies. Register at <https://tickets.sctimes.com/e/sc-times-2020-candidate-forum-templ-1/> to receive a link by email so you can watch the forum live.

- **At 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27**, Times journalist Jenny Berg will moderate an online forum between Dave Kleis and Steven Schiller in the race for mayor of St. Cloud. Register at <https://tickets.sctimes.com/e/sc-times-2020-candidate-forum-template-2/> to receive a link by email so you can watch the online forum live.

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