

DEMAND GOV. LEE EXPAND MEDICAID IN THE WAKE OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Governor Bill Lee has a responsibility to address the health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic with real, lasting support. Right now, there are 1.4 billion dollars of yearly federal tax dollars in Washington waiting for us to use in our state. If the TN legislature brought home these federal tax dollars by expanding Medicaid, it would allow our state to provide health insurance to 300,000 currently uninsured Tennesseans, affording them financial security and access to necessary health care, including emergency COVID-19 testing and treatment. It's easy to fall in the gap. In this crisis, many people are losing work, and that will mean more Tennesseans (and Tennessee kids) will be uninsured and looking for support. Each day that Gov. Lee delays expansion leads to more health inequity disproportionately affecting communities of color and rural communities who are already unjustly underserved. This has to stop.

Medicaid expansion will provide quality insurance, generate 15,000 new jobs, and keep our rural hospitals open. In this state of emergency, Governor Lee can expand Medicaid more easily than any other time.

Here are some sample posts you can use to remind Gov. Lee of his commitment to the health of Tennesseans, and don't forget to tag him!

ESSENTIAL WORKERS

If my job is essential, so is my healthcare. #ExpandMedicaidTN

UNINSURED TENNESSEANS

We're doing our part, now it's time to do yours. #ExpandMedicaidTN

UNINSURED TENNESSEANS

Rural communities need you to save our hospitals. ACT NOW #ExpandMedicaidTN

Text SAFETN to 52886 to call or tweet Gov. Lee to expand Medicaid!



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