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## Governor DeSantis Utilizes Executive Orders From Governor's Press Releases Office

STATE OF FLORIDA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 22-01  
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 7(a) of the Florida Constitution provides that the Governor may suspend from office any county officer for commission of a felony; and

WHEREAS, Oren Miller is presently serving as a County Commissioner for Sumter County, Florida, District 5, having been elected in 2020 to serve a four-year term; and

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2021, Oren Miller was charged by Information with the felony charge of perjury in an official proceeding, in violation of section 837.02(1), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, a violation of section 837.02(1), Florida Statutes, constitutes a felony in the third degree; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the residents of Sumter County, and the citizens of the State of Florida, that Oren Miller be immediately suspended from the public office that he now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this executive order.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7(a), find as follows:

- Oren Miller is, and at all times material hereto was, County Commissioner, District 5, Sumter County, Florida.
- The office of County Commissioner, District 5, Sumter County, Florida, is within the purview of the suspension

powers of the Governor, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7(a).

- The Information alleges that Oren Miller has committed felony acts in violation of the Laws of Florida. This suspension is predicated upon the attached Information, which is incorporated as if fully set forth in this Executive Order.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premises, and in accordance with the Constitution and the Laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued, effective immediately:

Section 1. Oren Miller is suspended from the public office, that he now holds, to wit: County Commissioner, District 5, Sumter County, Florida.

Section 2. Oren Miller is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of public office during the period of this suspension, which period shall be from today, until further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at the Capital, Tallahassee, Florida, this 6th day of January, 2022.

STATE OF FLORIDA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 22-02  
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 7(a) of the Florida Constitution provides that the Governor may suspend from office any county officer for commission of a felony; and

WHEREAS, Gary Robert Search is presently serving as a County Commissioner for Sumter County, Florida, District 1, having been elected in 2020 to serve a four-year term; and

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2021, Gary Robert Search was charged by Information with the felony charge of perjury in an official proceeding, in violation of section 837.02(1), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, a violation of section 837.02(1), Florida Statutes, constitutes a felony in the third degree; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the residents of Sumter County, and the citizens of the State of Florida, that Gary Robert Search be immediately suspended from the public office that he now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this executive order.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7(a), find as follows:

- Gary Robert Search is, and at all times material hereto was, County Commissioner, District 1, Sumter County, Florida.



## AS I SEE IT

The COVID Fiasco!  
Will COVID 19 end the world as we know it?

As I See It, probably not.

But, then we don't know much about it.

What is an Endemic?

When was COVID an Epidemic?

When did it change to a Pandemic,

Apparently, an ENDEMIC is a disease that's always with us, like the flu. But it's mostly limited to a particular region which makes the disease more predictable. For example, Malaria is considered to be an ENDEMIC in certain countries. COVID was an epidemic when it first appeared in China.

Very quickly COVID became an EPIDEMIC like yellow fever, smallpox, measles, and polio. Interestingly, West Nile Fever is a epidemic even though it's not contagious. So an EPIDEMIC is when a health condition invades a specific area, or locality.

Then there's a PANDEMIC, which is where we are now. Infections skyrocket, each day cases grow more than the day prior, and it spreads, out of control, over a wide area, country to country as COVID has in the past couple of years.

Regardless of your politics, is there

anyone who thinks that the world-wide governing elite has done a good job?

The world over, they all blame one another, while doing nothing to protect us.

The Delta variant, has been controlled, to some extent by vaccines, but it's the OMICRON Variant, which is much less deadly, which has taken over.

Some scientists say that the next pandemic will be here much sooner than we think, and probably, much more severe. Certainly in the next 25 years.

Some sources report that, world-wide about 6 Million people have already died from COVID

But that only includes data from the countries which have the resources to do the tests.

For example HAITI has zero cases of COVID and zero deaths!

For whatever reason, in the USA, many community leaders, political and religious, local and national, have persuaded their followers not to get vaccinated at all.

Which is difficult to understand, is that those same leaders have all taken the vaccine, including the so-called 'booster shot'.

Scientists say that viruses are evolving constantly. In the vast majority of cases,

those variants are not dangerous to humans. But, as COVID has shown us, it only takes one.

Are we prepared?

I think we all know the answer.

We can't prevent the common cold, or the flu or dozens of other harmful conditions.

What treatments have been 'government approved' for COVID?

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Actemra (tocilizumab): Is a mAb authorized for emergency use for the treatment of some patients in the hospital with COVID-19.

Actemra is a medication for multiple inflammatory diseases, including rheumatoid arthritis, and has shown in studies that it may be effective in treating COVID-19.

Other drugs and treatments, such as mAbs are used to slow or reduce the virus' growth and spread in the body, as well as to enhance breathing and help with other symptoms.

How can any of us stay safe?

You could move to HAITI – no cases reported there!

'til next time. . . .

attached Information, which is incorporated as if fully set forth in this Executive Order.

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## Executive Orders

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Florida State Senate

## DENNIS K. BAXLEY



Dear Friends,  
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able to serve you in Tallahassee.

First, a quick update on the redistricting process. As of this writing, the Senate and Congressional maps are just about complete and we expect to hold a vote on the final maps very soon. It was the priority of the Senate to get these done early so that we can focus on other needs of the state. Florida's citizens should be pleased with the final product as this open process followed a strict procedure and was done

fairly and constitutionally.

Also, excited to inform you of some legislation that we have been working on for some time and has recently been filed for consideration. SB 1820, the "Health Care Ethics and Liberty Protection Act" is a bill that would protect doctors and health care providers from being forced to participate in or pay for any health care service that violates their conscience. There are those on the left that believe that health care providers should not be able to refuse to perform or pay for things like abortions and gender reassignment procedures, even if these things are inconsistent with sincerely held religious beliefs. Despite the fact that these procedures do more harm than good and can

be very damaging to individuals, we should all at least be able to agree that no one should be forced to participate in something that violates their conscience. This bill would reinforce that right and make it very clear that this will not be tolerated in the State of Florida.

On the front of the fight for Life, Senator Kelli Stargel and Rep. Erin Grall have just filed SB 146/HB 5, which would ban all abortions after 15 weeks. A future column will go in to more detail about this bill, as it is brand new and will need some closer analysis, but we believe this bill is a huge step forward in protecting innocent life. Leadership in both chambers, as well as the Governor, have signaled their intent to pass meaningful pro-life legislation this Session and we believe this is the best chance we have had in a number of years to finally get it done.

Thank you for taking the time to read this legislative update and for engaging in your government. It is an honor to serve the people of Senate District 12.

Onward & Upward,  
Senator Dennis Baxley

## Valentine Night Strawberries



Strawberries stuffed with lightly-sweetened cream cheese and walnuts are perfect for that romantic evening. They go great with champagne! Pecans also work well in this recipe.

20 fresh strawberries

1 (3 ounce) package cream cheese, softened

2 tablespoons chopped walnuts

1 ½ tablespoons confectioners' sugar

Dice two strawberries and set aside. Cut the stems off of each of the remaining strawberries, forming a base for strawberries to stand on. Starting at the pointed ends and cutting most of the way, but not completely through the stem end, slice each strawberry into four wedges.

Beat the cream cheese until fluffy; stir in the diced strawberries, walnuts, and powdered sugar. Spoon or pipe about a teaspoon of mix into each strawberry.

More recipes at [www.allrecipes.com](http://www.allrecipes.com)



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## PUBLISHER'S NOTES



I need to start my column off with..."Lord forgive them for they know not what they do!" and those of you should know who I'm praying for...

Boy are we in a sorry state. The leaders of the United States is reacting with biases and hate.

Senator Lankford  
Build Back Broke Bill  
Testing Still Isn't Fixed!  
Testing Still Isn't Fixed!  
Testing Still Isn't Fixed!

In stead of Praying for our Children they are praying on our Children with Mandates and rules that don't apply to education. Before this over there is going to be a lot people that are phycological wrecks. Thank God for the legitimate online teachers. I know that without them some children would have no education. So don't bad

mouth those online teachers some are very good. Florida is exempt from most of those teaching problems because we have a strong Governor.

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We are still praying Harold Bevus months in the hospital because of an operation complications. Hope he gets well soon. Harold is the husband of Connie Ann Pendleton.

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I though it fun to revive a couple of moments in the past....

A man's wife told him get rid of those newspapers in his office at home. She said you don't need to save those papers. He said my picture is in every issue that you see there. I will not throw my picture away.

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Two brooms and a mop advertised with us many years ago when they first were getting started. The Villages management Board of directors at their regular meetings were given my newspaper at every meeting, to see what I had to say editorially and if I was

running any letter to the editor that was slamming something they had done.

One of the Board was in charge of the apartments where prospective customers stay when they came to see the Villages to buy a house. That board member saw her ad and called her and gave her a large number of units to clean. They grew so fast that they had a lot of their competitors working for them in a short time. She stated if you run an ad in this paper be ready to work. Publishers note: It does not always happen that way.

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My nephew in the military Kawat opened a shoe box sent to the troops by Ladies in the Villages and my newspaper was in it. Cody got to reading it and said thats my "Uncle Tom" that is what his mother calls me. Two days later I went to a bathroom to wash my hands and discovered one of my newspapers in a book rack in the stall. What a great circulation statement.

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While delivering paper to store owners on Jan 5th Delivery person went in to drop papers in a salon, the lady ask for more because the men in the salon love it! I thought about and realized they not real crazy about reading all the girly magazines.

So that makes salons a perfect place to leave some for the guys.

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## Sharing Some Newspaper History

By TomL

I said many years ago there would be a shortage of careers with apprenticeships. I served as a pressman apprentice / Typographical apprentice / Linotype operator / All what they called Hot Type. I went into offset printing knowing things were changing. I learned to run an offset press and never looked back. I remember when the Hollywood SunTattler was in business, they were strictly Hot Type and the old timers did not believe that offset was here to stay. Heavily Unionize, the production manager came to me one day and said I here you are an offset pressman. I said I have run some offset presses. He said well I hear that they mix water and ink together to run the offset press? I said not exactly true, here is how it works.

You take a photo sensitive thin polished

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## Newspaper Deadlines

*Editorial & Ad Copy for March*

**Seniors Voice & Ocala DownTown**

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**Lady Lake Magazine & Village Spectator**

**12am, February 23rd**

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- 27 Cosponsors and counting for H.R. 25, The FairTax Act
- A growing movement at the state level to abolish state income tax
- Leading the charge against the government's extreme plans for IRS surveillance of your bank account.

**We've fought hard and seen results in 2021.** With your continued support, we will make even more progress in the New Year.

Thank you for your continued support and have a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Steve Hayes

Chairman, Americans For Fair Taxation

## Newspaper History

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plate. You expose the image you want on it. Then you apply lacquer to the p[late] and the lacquer sticks to the image of the exposed plate. You then put it on the press. This is where the name offset comes in. The press has a maze of rollers some distributing alumni water solution which goes on the plate as the press runs. the alqueline wet the plate and the lacquer repel's the water so the ink takes it's place. As the press run the image transfers to a rubber blanket and the rubber blanket transfers it to the paper, (Offset printing).

The Production manger said I have never heard of such a thing. I said well it works because I have done it. The Production manager went back to the owner and reported offset printing will never work in his pressroom.

They chose an experimental method called letterflex where you have a plastic plate instead of lead which had to be etched by lasers. The employees making the plates were getting burned and harm by the process, so they had to do something. They soon sold it to Scripts Howard, I had some friends telling me about the changes I was long gone. Hollywood SunTattler was in between the Ft. Lauderdale News and the Miami Herald, they could not expand, so they had very little growth. It was a little late to recover from the losses. They are no longer there. What a shame for the decision of one man who could not make the change a great newspaper went of existence.

## Free Substance Abuse Curriculum

**First Lady Casey DeSantis Announces Free Substance Abuse Curriculum for Schools through Florida's "The Facts. Your Future." Campaign**

LARGO, Fla. — Yesterday, First Lady Casey DeSantis announced the launch of a free substance abuse curriculum for schools in the form of a 'School Assemblies Toolkit' through Florida's The Facts. Your Future. campaign. This program directly engages youth in Florida to improve their understanding of the life-altering effects of drug abuse and empowers teens to reach their full potential.

"With the heartbreaking overdose death statistics we're witnessing across the country, and as a mom of three, I want Florida's youth to know they have the power to resist and overcome drug use and abuse," said First Lady Casey DeSantis. "Our The Facts. Your Future. initiative is reinventing the way substance abuse prevention is taught in our schools. It's not "Just Say No" — it's "Just Say No and Here's Why." Together with community partners, schools can use this toolkit to give kids proper context and perspective on the dangers of drug use."

The 'School Assemblies Toolkit' provides schools with free content to engage in Florida's The Facts. Your Future. initiative through interactive, hands-on elements that can be incorporated throughout the school year. The toolkit contains materials such as fact sheets, conversation maps, and a school

assembly template to guide schools in hosting their own events. Schools are encouraged to partner with local law enforcement and others in their communities to host dynamic, multimedia assemblies that will share real life scenarios and science-based facts about substance abuse.

"The resources in this toolkit are essential for helping schools prevent substance abuse among our youth," said State Surgeon General Joseph Ladapo. "Giving students the facts through interactive assemblies will help ensure students know that engaging in substance abuse at a young age can severely impact their development, health, and futures. The First Lady's initiative continues to evolve to address the health needs of Florida's students at such a critical time in their lives."

"First Lady Casey DeSantis has devoted much of her time and effort traveling across the state speaking to parents, students, and survivors to better understand how Florida can help provide their children with opportunities for a better future," said Commissioner of Education Richard Corcoran. "This toolkit is a direct result of her dedication to Florida's 2.9 million K-12 public school students and will be a valuable resource for our schools to utilize in their efforts to educate students regarding the dangers of drug abuse."

As Florida's The Facts. Your Future. initiative expands, schools will be provided additional resources to engage and equip students with tools they need to make decisions about their health and future.

Florida's The Facts. Your Future. 'School Assemblies Toolkit' can be found here.

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**Lady Lake Police Department Robert Tempesta Chief of Police Stay Alert-Be patient-Stay Alive Adhere to New Traffic Signage**

### and New Traffic Patterns on U.S. 27/441

As road construction continues along U.S. Hwy 27/441, the Lady Lake Police Department would like to remind all motorists to be aware of the changing traffic patterns. There will be more pattern changes as the widening project continues so it important that all motorists pay attention when traveling through the construction zone. A traffic pattern can be as simple as a shift in a lane that you are traveling on or a detour onto a new roadway like in recent months.

Most local motorists are already aware of the new traffic pattern on U.S. Hwy 27/441 near Fennell Blvd. This pattern will prevent southbound motorists from accessing the bridge. Southbound motorists will need to travel to the right of the bridge on a newly constructed roadway.

The southbound side of the bridge is in the process of being removed.

Please be aware of the "No left turn" signs when traveling southbound near Rolling Acres Rd, Old Vineyard Rd, Fennell Blvd, and Water Oak Blvd. FDOT has put these signs out for the safety of all motorists. You will have to find an alternate route. Be patient and find a safe alternate route. You may have to drive further south and find an intersection to turn around. You can use CR 466 to do so as there is a traffic signal which makes it a safer option. We realize that it is an inconvenience but here is the reality of impatient motorists. The police department responded and worked 17 traffic crashes in the construction zone in the first 6 days of the pattern change. These crashes can be minimized if motorists are paying attention and making the right decision to obey all posted signage. Do not attempt to cross in front of traffic that has the green signal. You will cause a traffic crash. You will be cited and found at fault. You will be dealing with your insurance carrier as the responsible party for property damage and any personal injury.

So please pay attention, remain alert, and make the proper decision when driving to avoid a traffic crash. Why would you want to risk your safety and the safety of others to save a few minutes?

## Making Life More Fun

### 2022 Set To Be A Big Year For Kate And William

(NAPSI)—In the midst of a pandemic, family drama and the passing of Prince Phillip, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge were shining examples of grace and optimism over the last couple of years. Picking up the pace of their Royal engagements, the couple has provided a glimpse into what the Monarchy might look like in the future.

In 2022, expect to see a lot more of this powerful pair as they embark on a heavy schedule of events around the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Celebrating the Queen's 70 years of service, the Platinum Jubilee will consist of festivities throughout the year, with the bulk taking place in June when the Queen's birthday is traditionally celebrated. William and Kate will play a central role at these events, which will include a live concert from Buckingham Palace that will bring together some of the world's biggest entertainment stars to celebrate the most significant moments of the Queen's seven-decade reign.

Perhaps most significant for Americans is the royal couple's upcoming trip to the U.S., their first in seven years. The Cambridges have announced that their environmental initiative called the Earthshot Prize will hold its second annual ceremony in the U.S.



in 2022. The Royal Foundation of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge launched the Earthshot Prize in October 2020 and it is the most prestigious global environment prize in history.

On a personal note, William and Kate will each celebrate their 40th birthdays in 2022—Kate's on January 9 and William's on June 21. The couple have three children: George, Charlotte and Louis.

If you want to learn more about the Duke and the Duchess, you can check out the many documentaries on True Royalty TV to find out what Kate and William were like as kids, how they met and their very public courtship, their glamorous wedding, what they are like as parents and what kind of Royals they are turning out to be.

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## Safety Toolkit: Protect Children

### Attorney General Moody Releases 2022 Online Safety Toolkit to Help Protect Children from Human Traffickers

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody today released the 2022 Online Safety Toolkit, consisting of red flags, risk factors and statistics relating to human trafficking recruitment via the internet. The [2020 Federal Human Trafficking Report](#) shows that 83% of active sex trafficking cases involved online solicitation. More than half of the children in the United States have smartphones by the age of 11, [according to reports](#).

The 2022 Online Safety Toolkit is designed to help empower parents to teach their children about the dangers of human trafficking online and create effective online safety plans for safe internet use.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “It’s important that as parents we take steps to protect our children from online predators. To help with this daunting task, I am releasing my 2022 Online Safety Toolkit during Human Trafficking Prevention Month. I hope this comprehensive resource guide will better equip parents to protect children from human traffickers, or anyone else trying to use social media to harm them.”

Orange County Sheriff John Mina said, “At the Orange County Sheriff’s Office, we are committed to the mission of eradicating Human Trafficking in Central Florida and across the nation. It’s extremely important for parents – and all of us – to recognize the signs of human trafficking, and report anything suspicious to law enforcement.”

Osceola County Sheriff Marcos Lopez

said, “Power comes from information and we need all parents armed with the power to combat human trafficking. The Attorney General’s Online Toolkit is a great way to get informed about the signs of human trafficking and ways to prevent your children from being victims. The information is available in English and Spanish. Check it out so you can help us keep your children safe.”

Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation Director Ron Stucker said, “Human trafficking is a crime that seeks out and exploits the vulnerabilities of victims in our communities. The collaboration of law enforcement, prosecutors, social services and families is essential in bringing hope to

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## A Stronger Retirement



### Building A Stronger Retirement

(NAPSI)—With each generation’s expected retirement time growing longer and longer, you may need to plan for 20 to 30 years of life after you stop working. And when it comes to ways to save for the future, many Americans think first of the 401(k),

the most popular and well-known retirement savings option.

### Saving for Your Health

Lesser known—and understood—is another way to save for your future: the Health Savings Account (HSA). With rising healthcare costs that can exceed \$10,000 annually during the retirement years, HSAs are gaining more recognition as a smart way to complement 401(k)s and other retirement savings options by helping you plan and save for healthcare costs encountered now and in the future.

### The Foundation

Traditional 401(k) plans are popular retirement vehicles for several reasons:

**Tax advantages:** 401(k) contributions are taken out of your paycheck before federal taxes are withheld, which lowers your taxable income. Contributions are also tax-deferred until you withdraw them.

**More control:** You can contribute as much as you want to a 401(k) within your plan and IRS limits, and you can change your contribution at any time.

**Compound interest:** The earlier you start investing in a 401(k), the more time your money has to grow.

**It moves with you:** The money in your 401(k) belongs to you—even if you change jobs, you can keep your money invested and growing.

**Ease of use:** 401(k)s are easy to contribute to, with many employers offering automatic payroll deductions.

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### Learn More

For further facts and tips on HSAs and planning your retirement, go to [www.hsabank.com](http://www.hsabank.com).

## Sell Home with Less Stress



(NAPSI)—Every year more than 5 million homes change hands in America, almost 35,000 of those are in Broward County. For most people, that can be pretty daunting—but it doesn’t have to be.

### The Problem

Selling a home is often cited as one of the most emotionally difficult life events. In fact, 77% of respondents told pollsters at 1000watt they might be willing to take 5 to 10% less for their home to avoid the hassle.

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# ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY



**CONSUMER ALERT:** Beware of COVID-19 Test Scams as Omicron Cases Increase Nationwide  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody today

issued a Consumer Alert warning Floridians about new and reemerging COVID-19 test scams as Omicron variant cases increase nationwide. With more and more people seeking tests, scammers may be exploiting this demand to steal personal, financial or medical information. There are recent reports in Florida and nationwide of potential fake COVID-19 testing sites, imposter health care workers at legitimate sites and at-home testing scams. Attorney General Moody is asking Floridians to remain cautious when requesting a COVID-19 test—both at a testing site and at home.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “As we have seen throughout the pandemic, scammers change tactics as news and situations change. With the recent rise in the number of people seeking COVID-19 tests comes an increased risk that scammers will try to take advantage of the demand. Please take precautions to protect your personal information when seeking a test—whether at a legitimate site or when purchasing an at-home test.”

Long lines at in-person testing sites have caused many Floridians to seek the convenience of at-home COVID-19 tests and testing services. Before purchasing one of these tests or providing personal information to companies offering at-home testing services, particularly online, follow these steps to verify the legitimacy of the product:

- Only purchase products from a well-established, legitimate store or website;
- Search online for the brand name of the test and any complaints;
- Beware of private companies that offer free or reduced cost at-home testing services, particularly if those companies require private information to make an appointment; and
- Watch out for private companies that require personal information to sign up for an at-home testing service but will not guarantee an appointment time.

In addition to at-home test scams, there have been recent [reports of suspicious COVID-19 testing sites popping up in Illinois](#). The sites appear legitimate but are designed to steal personal information from unsuspecting test seekers. Signs of illegitimate, pop-up testing sites include:

- Having no affiliation with local medical providers or government entities;
  - Not delivering test results;
  - Workers seeming uninformed about the testing process; and
  - Volunteers that are unmasked or not following current [Center for Disease Control and Prevention point-of-care guidelines](#) and the [Occupational Safety and Health Administrations standards](#) during interactions with patients.
- Last week in Sarasota, [law enforcement received reports of suspicious individuals impersonating health care workers](#) at a legitimate testing site asking test seekers to provide personal, financial and medical information. Below are questions to ask to help spot a testing-site imposter:

- Are they dressed the same as the other health care workers on site?
- Are they interacting with test seekers within the established test-site area?
- Can they accurately and correctly answer questions without seeming nervous or confused?
- Do they pressure test seekers for personal or financial information?
- Are health care guidelines and standards being followed?

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration reviews and authorizes the use of products to prevent or treat COVID-19, including vaccines, tests, drugs and non-vaccine biological products, medical products and devices and more. Unfortunately, some bad actors may sell unproven or illegal products to profit off the pandemic. Not only are these products ineffective, but they could endanger consumers. FDA's website

provides an updated list of fraudulent products and warning letters of firms who have been reported for selling these fake products.

Anyone who suspects a COVID-19 test-related scam should report it to local law enforcement, or to the Florida Attorney General's Office by calling 1(866) 9NO-S C A M or visiting [MyFloridaLegal.com](#).



## Attorney General Moody Launches New Training Initiative and Unveils New Tools in the Fight to End Human Trafficking

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody is enlisting more soldiers and creating new tools in the fight to end human trafficking in Florida. Today, at a news conference in the Florida Capitol with Lt. Gov. Jeanette Nuñez, the Florida Alliance to End Human Trafficking and business leaders, Attorney General Moody announced a new training initiative. [The 100 Percent Club](#) is a campaign recognizing Florida businesses that pledge to train 100% of employees on how to spot and report suspected human trafficking safely and effectively.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “Human traffickers are constantly looking for new angles and tactics to exploit victims and advance their illicit trade. We too must update and improve how we target and stop traffickers. I am proud to join our dedicated partners today to launch a new training initiative designed to dramatically increase the number of Floridians equipped to spot and report suspicious activity in Florida. We also are launching a new statewide tip line and providing quick-reference alert cards to Floridians to assist us in this essential fight.”

Lieutenant Governor Jeanette Nuñez said, “Governor DeSantis and I stand strong in our opposition to human trafficking in our state. As a member of the Statewide Council on Human Trafficking, a former state legislator, and now as Lieutenant Governor, I have embraced each role as an opportunity to listen to victims, advocate for their needs, build partnerships, and develop policies and initiatives—all to protect Floridians and to end this horrible scourge. Through our collective efforts, we will one day be able to say that Florida has put an end to human trafficking.”

Representative Toby Overdorf said, “I am proud to be part of the DSO supporting the Statewide Human Trafficking Council. The training and awareness provided by the council is paramount to changing the tide in the fight against Human Trafficking in Florida.”

Florida Alliance to End Human Trafficking Chair Ellyn Bogdanoff said, “Even though human trafficking is a global issue, it is taking place in many of our communities. By increasing our training efforts, we hope that when citizens see something suspicious, they will call the

hotline and report it.”

PGT Innovations CEO Jeff Jackson said, “This incredibly important initiative resonates strongly with me because it directly aligns with our foundation of serving, leading and thriving at PGT Innovations, but also because one of my daughters, who works at PGT Innovations, brought this program to my attention, as ending human trafficking was a cause she had always been extremely passionate about. I couldn't be prouder of being a founding member of the 100 Percent Club and of all the PGT Innovations team members who have completed the training and are now prepared to do their part to stop human trafficking.

“Through our continued work with the Highway Heroes program, we have come to understand how rampant human trafficking is in our beautiful state, and we've been inspired to help all our PGTI team members receive training and education on how to spot the signs of human trafficking. We hope other organizations in Florida and across the nation are as encouraged as we were by this program to find ways to get involved in the fight against human trafficking.”

The 100 Percent Club is a partnership between companies and the Florida Attorney General's Office that recognizes businesses taking proactive steps to train employees on the signs of human trafficking. Through the program, quick reference resource cards will be provided to trainees to help them effectively report suspicious activities. This could lead to thousands, or hundreds of thousands, of Floridians knowing how to appropriately handle a suspected human trafficking situation. When companies equip employees with the proper tools and training, employees become the eyes and ears throughout the state to spot suspicious activities.

The first members of Attorney General Moody's 100 Percent Club are PGT Innovations, one of the largest private-sector employers in Sarasota County, and Landstar Systems, Inc., one of the largest trucking companies in Florida. Both companies have committed to anti-trafficking training and these partnerships bring Florida one step closer to all Commercial Driver License holders being equipped with proper human trafficking prevention training.

Since increased awareness and education is a vital tool for prevention, Attorney General Moody and the Florida Alliance to End Human Trafficking will be partnering with the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association, as well as other Florida businesses, to set a goal of 100,000 individuals completing our human trafficking course in 2022.

Working with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Attorney General Moody's office created a statewide tip line that will be directly monitored by FDLE for calls of suspected human trafficking. The tip line is 1(800) 342-0820. Alert cards, like the ones shown above, will be spread across the state and provide simple steps on how to report human trafficking using the designated number.

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## Sell Home with Less Stress

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### An Answer

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### What Else You Can Do

Don't wait. Even if you're not sure when you want to move, a good time to start decluttering your home is now so you won't be overwhelmed later.

Break it up into manageable portions. Decide to spend a certain amount of time or to clear up one particular room or part of a room at a time. It will seem less overwhelming and you'll enjoy a sense of accomplishment.

Be sure you have the right supplies: boxes and bags so you can sort items into piles for toss, recycle, give to specific friends and family members and donate.

Make a list of people and entities that need to know you're moving: post office, newspaper, neighbors, and decide how much you want to say to whom and when.

### Learn More

For further facts, visit <https://really.homes/>.

## COVID-19 Vaccine Booster



### Boost Your Health In The New Year: Four Reasons To Get A COVID-19 Vaccine Booster

by the We Can Do This

COVID-19 Public Education Campaign

(NAPSI)—January is a month when people make New Year's resolutions that often include pledges to take steps for better health. With new variants of COVID-19 moving rapidly throughout the world, 2022 resolutions that involve COVID vaccines and boosters can go a long way toward making the new year healthy for everyone. And it can be an easy resolution to keep.

"Vaccines are wonders of medicine that have prevented suffering and death from deadly diseases such as smallpox, polio, and diphtheria," said Dr. Danielle Zerr, pediatric infectious disease specialist at Seattle Children's Hospital. "When thinking about how to be healthy in 2022, COVID-19

vaccines and boosters should be high on the list of important and simple steps to good health."

Here are the top reasons to get a COVID-19 vaccine booster early in 2022:

**Boosters provide increased protection over time and against new variants.** COVID-19 vaccines continue to work very well at preventing serious illness, hospitalization, and premature death. A booster shot is another dose that boosts—as the name suggests—immunity to the virus as time passes and it offers additional protection against such variants as Delta and Omicron. Vaccinated people who have also had a booster are less likely to get sick; but if they do catch the virus, the illness is usually less severe, even with the variants. Everyone ages 12 and up should get a booster.

**Viruses tend to spread more quickly in winter months.** As the temperature drops, people tend to spend more time inside. Crowded indoor spaces are perfect places for COVID and other viruses to spread, even sometimes among people who are fully vaccinated. In addition to masking in public indoor spaces, make sure you get a booster on the CDC-recommended schedule.

**Limiting the spread of COVID-19 through boosters can help control the pandemic.** The more a virus spreads, the more likely it is to mutate, increasing the chances of the development of more contagious and dangerous variants. As more people get COVID-19 vaccines and boosters, the spread of the virus will be limited, reducing the chance of new variants emerging. Fully vaccinated people continue

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## FROM THE DESK OF GOVERNOR DESANTIS



**Governor DeSantis takes action to stop W.O.K.E. Activism and Critical Race Theory in Schools and Corporations.**

WILDWOOD, Fla. — Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced the

Stop the Wrongs to Our Kids and Employees (W.O.K.E.) Act, a legislative proposal that will give businesses, employees, children and families tools to fight back against woke indoctrination. The Stop W.O.K.E. Act will be the strongest legislation of its kind in the nation and will take on both corporate wokeism and Critical Race Theory. Today's proposal builds on actions Governor DeSantis has already taken to ban Critical Race Theory and the New York Times' 1619 project in Florida's schools. For more information about the Stop W.O.K.E. Act, "In Florida we are taking a stand against the state-sanctioned racism that is critical race theory," said Governor Ron DeSantis. "We won't allow Florida tax dollars to be spent teaching kids to hate our country or to hate each other. We also have a responsibility to ensure that parents have the means to vindicate their rights when it comes to enforcing state standards. Finally, we must protect Florida workers against the hostile work environment that is created when large corporations force their employees to endure CRT-inspired 'training' and

indoctrination."

"As the daughter of Cuban exiles who fled from Marxist ideology, I am proud to stand alongside Governor DeSantis and support this proposed legislation that will put an end to wokeism that is permeating our schools and workforce," said Lieutenant Governor Jeanette Nuñez. "This important legislation gives students and employees the resources they need to fight back against discrimination, critical race theory and indoctrination. I'm proud to stand alongside the Governor not only of the free state of Florida but the woke-free state of Florida."

"Under Governor DeSantis' leadership, Florida has very publicly adopted new state education standards for English Language Arts, Mathematics, Civics, Character Education and more, and we are modernizing students' curriculum and lesson plans to match Florida's new world-class education standards," said Commissioner of Education Richard Corcoran. "However, our classrooms, students and even teachers are under constant threat by Critical Race Theory advocates who are attempting to manipulate classroom content into a means to impose one's values on students, when instead schools should be empowering students with great, historically accurate knowledge and giving those students and their families the freedom to draw their own conclusions."

"What I have been inspired by the last year is that there is a new group of people

emerging and asserting the authority of the American people; these are American parents," said Chris Rufo, Senior Fellow and Director of the Initiative on Critical Race Theory, The Manhattan Institute. "It is one thing to have critical race theory in Universities; you can ignore it. It is one thing to have critical race theory in the federal bureaucracy. But the fact is, in the last year they have accelerated Critical Race Theory in K-12 public schools and they have done something that no government should do, step between parent and child. Governor Ron DeSantis is not only protecting all of the employees and students in the state of Florida. He is providing a model for every state in the United States of America. Critical Race Theory is wrong; it offers nothing to improve the lives of anyone of any racial background."

"I am happy to be working with Governor Ron DeSantis on education, which is one of the most important issues facing our country," said Dr. Matthew Spalding, Kirby Professor in Constitutional Government, Hillsdale College and Dean of the Van Andel Graduate School of Government, Hillsdale College's Washington, DC., Campus. "I believe we are on the cusp of a moment of which the idea of education as an issue is re-aligning. It is no longer a question of budget or policy; it is about returning it to its rightful place in the formation of good citizens. We must teach our students honest and true history of America that is unifying and inspiring. I commend the Governor and Commissioner Corcoran for doing so."

"Our schools are meant to be safe, fun and about learning, but teaching Critical Race Theory breeds division. There was so much

being taught I had overlooked in the school system for so long," said Laly Jimenez-Hincapie. "My father was a political prisoner in Cuba who fled after his time served. I used to laugh at his fear of communism infiltrating our country. This is the land of the free and home of the brave. Communism will never come into this country. American history is being replaced by CRT. Manipulated versions of this theory are a direct attack on the emotional wellbeing of our children. Our children deserve to know this history and be proud of it, land of the free and home of the brave."

"We need to get back to the basics: reading, math, arithmetic. CRT is not something I agree with at all, especially as a person of color," said Lacaysha Howell, mother of three. "Kids are coming home telling parents they are learning things that are incomprehensible to them. I am biracial and my three kids are biracial. This [CRT] is not what we need to be teaching in our schools. I want to continue to keep my kids in public school, but their educators need to teach them the basics."

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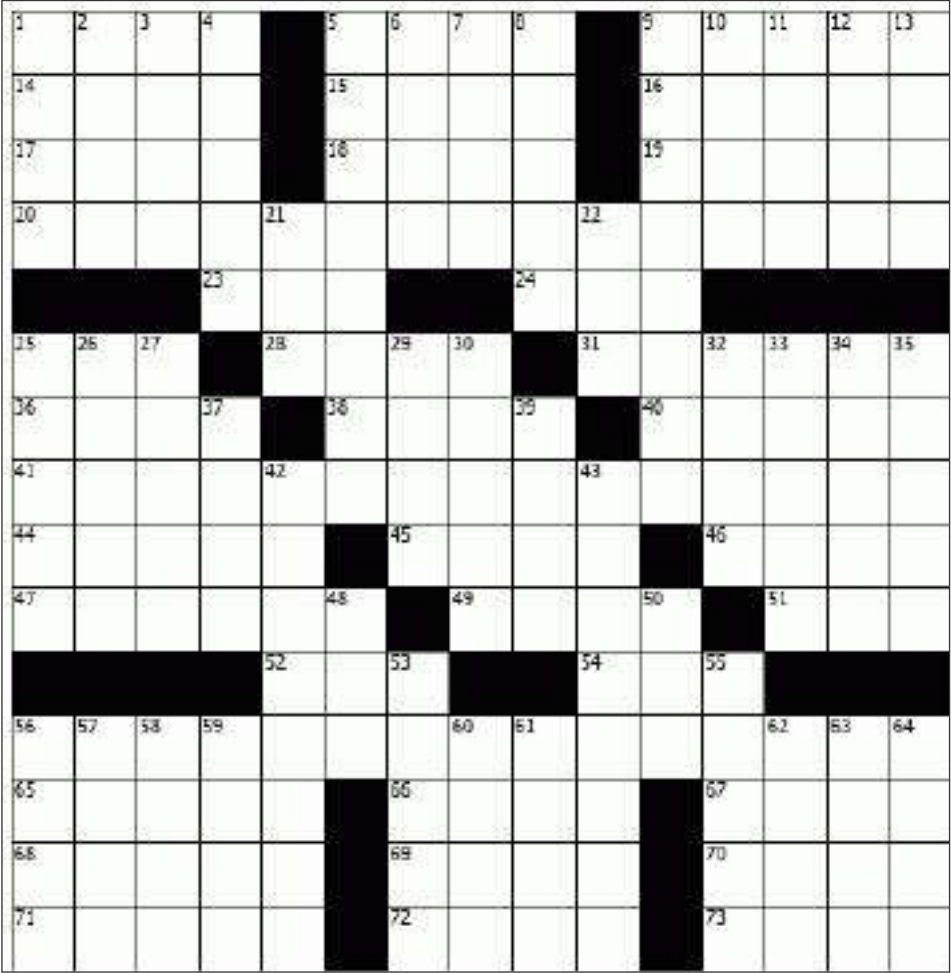


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  - It could be stuffed
  - Hollywood tough guy
  - Mother of Helen and Pollux
  - Bull and steer
  - Convenience item
  - Rebel slave Turner
  - Past due amount?
  - Disfigure
  - Humble and shoofly
  - Curry favor
  - Rapier with a three-sided blade
- Down

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  - Like Pegasus
  - Tale of a whale or whale of a tale
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  - African ruler?
  - Resurrected
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  - Encounter
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  - Land area
  - Inaugurate
  - Norwegian ruler
  - Aloha State port
  - Unceasingly
  - Place for fresh eggs
  - Pub fixture
  - Bonanza find, perhaps
  - Paris underground
  - Plant louse
  - Entertainer Della
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  - Puts in chips
  - What the defense does, sometimes
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  - Place to worship from
  - Loads software
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# COVID-19 Booster

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to be protected against severe illness, hospitalization, and premature death. Boosters provide extra protection from cases that can lead to wider spread of the virus and the development of future variants. The best way to control COVID-19 and prevent variants is for more vaccinated people to get boosters.

**Boosters are easy to get and available to all vaccinated people age 12 or older.** Just

as with the vaccines, booster shots are available at no cost to anyone living in the U.S. People who got Pfizer or Moderna vaccines should get a booster five months after the initial doses. Anyone vaccinated with the Johnson & Johnson vaccine should get a booster two months after initial vaccination. Vaccinated adults 18 years and older may choose any available vaccine as a booster, regardless of the type or brand of vaccine received previously; only the Pfizer vaccine is available as a booster for those ages 12 to 17.

Boosters are safe and easy to get and are a great first step to a healthy 2022. For more

information and to find a vaccine, visit [www.vaccines.gov](http://www.vaccines.gov).

## School Choice



Whatever their passion may be, a caring teacher and the right learning fit can help children discover their interests and their talents.

That's what school choice, and National School Choice Week (Jan. 23-29), is about: Championing how wonderful it is that kids have different talents and celebrating the different learning environments that inspire them.

Fortunately, there are many school choices available across America. They include traditional public schools, public charter schools, public magnet schools, private schools, online public schools, and homeschooling. Unfortunately, parents often aren't always provided clear information about those choices.

To help, during School Choice Week, school leaders, parents, and students speak up about the schools and scholarships they love, spreading information and community support so more kids can find the right learning environment for them. While the pandemic has been a catalyst for parents to

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(NAPSI)—I remember one specific day in first grade like it was yesterday. It was the day when my teacher saw me hesitate as I started to read aloud to the class. “You can do it,” she told me, as I slowly started speaking. Lo and behold, she was right. I could do it! Her nudge of inspiration changed my life.

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## School Choice

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try new learning options, there are many more opportunities to be shared. You can join the national conversation by visiting [schoolchoiceweek.com](https://www.schoolchoiceweek.com) or using #schoolchoice on social media.

Those who celebrate the Week reflect America's diverse school offerings. Some participants teach at or attend traditional public schools. Some love their neighborhood school and some use open enrollment to attend a public school outside their "zone." Some participants have chosen public charter or public magnet schools, which are free to attend and offer specialized opportunities, such as bilingual programs or STEM tracks. Others have found homes at private schools steeped in religious tradition. Still others attend flexible online schools, free in most states, or have chosen homeschooling or a learning pod.

If the idea of so much choice in K-12 education seems novel, a quick look around reveals that choice is a profoundly important part of all areas of American life. We value choice and self-determination in what food we eat, religious beliefs we hold, college we go to, and vehicle we buy. When it comes to the education of the next generation, wouldn't we want to expand learning opportunities and allow families the right to self-determination?

Perhaps the biggest reason to celebrate

school choice, however, just requires a look toward our kids. School choice champions kids, reflecting how they need different learning methods, styles and contexts to discover their talents and academic strengths and be inspired for life. Every kid deserves that.

This School Choice Week, I hope you will spread the good news about the different options that exist and help put kids where they belong — at the heart of education. You can do it!

*Mr. Campanella is president of National School Choice Week and the author of The School Choice Roadmap: 7 Steps to Finding the Right School for Your Child.*

## Expand Outdoor Living



**Backyarding Trends in 2022: TurfMutt Foundation Predicts Americans Will Continue to Expand Outdoor Living** (NAPSI)—“Backyarding”—the trend to

move indoor activities outdoors that was made popular during the pandemic—is here to stay and will continue to expand in 2022, according to the TurfMutt Foundation, an environmental education and stewardship program that encourages outdoor living and caring for green spaces.

“Backyarding is a way of life now,” says Kris Kiser, president and CEO of the Foundation and its parent organization, the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI). “Homeowners spent lots of time, money and effort over the last eighteen months improving their backyards to make them an extension of their homes so they could work, cook, exercise and even vacation outdoors. We believe people will continue to 'backyard more' in the coming year and beyond.”

The TurfMutt Foundation predicts the following backyarding trends for 2022:

**Lines between the indoors and the outdoors continue to blur.** Doors and windows will be opened to the great outdoors and more people will enjoy breakfast or a nightcap on the deck. Decorating choices will marry the outside and the inside, with colors and tones that provide more visual connection between indoor areas and the backyard, for a seamless transition.

**Offices turn to the outdoors.** There will be no need to turn to technology to create a virtual backdrop for video calls. Trees, flowers, bushes and other plants are a beautiful video call background. Privacy screens, electrical outlets and Wi-Fi extenders become more common.

**Kids (and adults) spends more time outside learning.** Kids will take online classes or do homework under the shade of a tree, in an outdoor classroom at school or at a patio or picnic table. They brush up on STEM concepts (TurfMutt's free lesson plans can help) by planting and studying flowers, bugs and weather.

**Al fresco dining becomes the norm.** Grills, pizza ovens and overhead lighting with seating will make many homes outdoor eateries for families and neighbors. Interest in outdoor kitchens, pergolas, shade sails and landscaping will define and enhance outdoor dining.

**Business deals get cooked up in backyards.** While socializing around fire pits and watching the kids play soccer on the lawn, adults will have the informal conversations that used to happen in other venues. Games of croquet and cornhole could turn easily into business networking opportunities.

**The backyard is the first place people turn to for relaxation and stress relief.** Yoga, hammocks, reading nooks, calming water features and more add spa-like features to the backyard. More people plant with peace of mind at heart, adding colors that make them feel good, while aiming for sensory or emotional connections.

**Outdoor entertainment evolves.** Movie projectors with sound systems and outdoor screens turn the yard into a theater under the stars. Expect to see fire pits, outdoor games and more that enhance outdoor recreation.

**Homeowners will plant with wildlife in mind.** Knowing the backyard is a habitat for pollinators, insects, birds and other wildlife, homeowners likely will choose plants, trees and shrubs that nurture and support wildlife—delighting in discovering them.

**Pampering pets only increases.** Fencing, sandpiles for digging, doghouses and even agility courses for pets to enjoy will become more common.

**More people discover their backyarding personality types and design a yard that matches their outdoor lifestyles.** They will map out their yards, take an inventory of tools and equipment available to create and maintain their dream and then work hard to create a defined backyard that meets their needs over the coming year.

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## 50+ Best Easy Dinner Ideas

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Here's your ultimate guide for the best easy dinner recipes! From lightning fast recipes to batch cooking on a Sunday, I'll show you how to plan for a stress-free week filled with tasty yet nourishing meals the whole family will enjoy!

### Plan Your Dinner Recipes Ahead

Ever struggle to get a home cooked meal done by dinner time? Or feel uninspired by your weekly rotation? I get it, we've all been there. So I've rounded up a list of the best dinner ideas that are full of good-for-you ingredients, and most importantly, uncomplicated.

To make the most of this list, it's really about planning ahead to make dinner a breeze. Here's a few ways to strategize – no matter how your week pans out:

Make a list of 30 minute recipes to keep on hand. For days where you have one hour to spare for cooking, these will come in handy. Think one pan meals, easy stir fry recipes, and sheet pan dinners that are jam

packed with flavor.

Batch cook ingredients to save time throughout the week. If you've followed my meal prep guide before, you know just how convenient this plan is. Instead of batch cooking entire recipes, you'll prep ingredients to create exciting mix and match meals that come together in about 5 minutes.

Rely on freezer-friendly meals for busy months. You can make a scrumptious chicken casse-role and pre-cut it into slices for a grab-n-go meal. Or cook up a big pot of beef chili and freeze several portions for later. Just make sure to plan for meals that store well and can be reheated throughout the month. You'll soon start to appreciate these instant freezer meals!

### The Best Quick And Easy Dinner Ideas

These flavorful recipes can be on your table in about 30-40 minutes. They require minimal ingredients and tools – who doesn't love that?

**Creamy Chipotle Shrimp:** with the help of a homemade chipotle sauce, this easy one-

pan recipe is bursting with zesty flavors and a spicy kick.

**Chicken Stir-Fry:** this speedy dinner is loaded with juicy chicken, colorful veggies, and is a 30 minute meal the whole family will love!

**Shakshuka:** this 30-minute simple combo of simmered tomatoes, onions, garlic, spices, and poached eggs is destined to be in your rotation.

**Greek Sheet Pan Chicken:** if you love sheet pan recipes, this is a must-make! Juicy, herb-y chick-en thighs are nestled in an array of colorful veggies, then roasted in one go.

**Teriyaki Chicken:** this is what stir fry dreams are made of. In just 20 minutes, you'll have juicy chicken thighs coated in a sticky sweet teriyaki sauce.

**Zucchini Pasta With Lemon Garlic Shrimp:** in a short 15 minutes, you'll have a healthier take on the classic shrimp scampi.

**Coconut Curry Chicken:** chicken is doused in a creamy, spiced curry sauce, then served on top of a bed of fresh rice – all in 30 minutes.

## Safety Toolkit: Protect Children

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victims and justice to traffickers.”

Attorney General Moody's 2022 Online Safety Toolkit contains pages of educational material aggregated from federal, state and local public agencies, as well as private organizations, including the U.S. Department of Justice, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Florida law enforcement and technology companies.

A few tips from the toolkit include:

- Discuss internet safety and develop an online safety plan;
- Adjust privacy settings and use parental controls;
- Be alert to potential signs of abuse; and
- Teach children about body safety and boundaries.

In August 2021, Attorney General Moody released a guide on how to enable parental controls on commonly-used devices, as well as tips to safeguard children's online activity. For more in-depth information on recent trends in online exploitation and how to keep children safe, visit the [2021 Human Trafficking Summit website](https://www.fl.gov/2021/human-trafficking-summit) to view the Social Media Recruitment and Trafficking Techniques Throughout Covid presentation. The presentation includes information on social media, websites, gaming and the various ways predators engage children online.



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