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STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
**TREASURER SHAWN T. WOODEN**

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**MONDAY: TREASURER SHAWN WOODEN VISITS COVID-19  
VACCINE CLINIC IN WATERBURY AND APPLAUDS THE CITY  
AND SAINT MARY'S HOSPITAL FOR THEIR WORK  
TO HELP CLOSE THE VACCINE EQUITY GAP**

**Waterbury, CT** - On Monday, April 19, 2021, Connecticut State Treasurer, Shawn T. Wooden will visit a COVID-19 vaccine clinic at Waterbury Arts Magnet School. This clinic was set up through a joint venture between Saint Mary's Hospital and the City of Waterbury and continues to bring COVID-19 vaccinations to socially vulnerable communities. The virus has had a disproportionate and devastating effect on communities of color that has led to higher infection rates, hospitalizations and mortalities. Last Monday, the State released new data that shows that Connecticut is still not hitting its equity allocation goals. As Connecticut's only Black statewide elected official, Treasurer Wooden has been using his voice to combat vaccine hesitancy among communities of color, while also urging the State to meet people where they are to help socially vulnerable communities get vaccinated. Treasurer Wooden will be joined by State Senator Joan Hartley, Waterbury Mayor Neil M. O'Leary and Dr. Husnain Kermalli, Chief Medical Officer of Saint Mary's Hospital.

**Media planning to attend** can RSVP to [Michelle.Woods-Matthews@ct.gov](mailto:Michelle.Woods-Matthews@ct.gov).

**WHO:**

- State Treasurer Shawn Wooden
- State Senator Joan Hartley, representing Waterbury, Naugatuck and Middlebury

- Waterbury Mayor Neil M. O’Leary
- Dr. Husnain Kermalli, Chief Medical Officer of Saint Mary’s Hospital

**WHEN:** Monday, April 19, 2021 at 10:30AM ET

**WHERE:** The Waterbury Arts Magnet School, 16 South Elm Street, Waterbury, CT 06706

**Please note:** This site visit will be held inside the clinic at the Waterbury Arts Magnet School. Please enter through the door at the front entrance. We ask that everyone in attendance maintain 6ft. per social distancing guidelines and wears a mask.

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