Collins praised Trump’s unprepared response to coronavirus, saying North Texas is “thriving” under Trump’s policies while kids can’t go back to school and small businesses struggle.

Collins Publicized Trump’s “Guidelines For Opening Up America Again,” Saying The Steps Would “Get People Back To Work & Continue To Protect American Lives”. According to Twitter, Collins said “President Trump unveiled Guidelines for Opening Up America Again, a 3-phased approach based on advice of public health experts. These steps will help state & local officials reopen economies, get people back to work, & continue to protect American lives. https://whitehouse.gov/openingamerica/.” [Genevieve Collins via Twitter, 4/17/20]

Vox: President Trump’s “Opening Up America Again” Ignored Signs That The Fight Against COVID-19 Was Far From Over. “President Donald Trump more or less declared victory over the coronavirus during the daily White House briefing on Thursday — ignoring signs that the fight against a disease he likes to call ‘the invisible enemy’ is actually far from over. Trump began by saying that ‘thanks to our all-out military operation and the extraordinary devotion of our people, we believe we will experience far fewer deaths than even the optimistic projection.’ (In fact, as recently as late February, Trump was saying the virus would go away on its own without any Americans dying.) He went on to outline the ‘Opening Up America Again’ criteria that will guide states with sufficient testing capacity and declining numbers of new cases through the process of getting their schools and economies back up and running in a step-by-step manner, with the approval of governors.” [Vox, 4/16/20]

HEADLINE: Trump just declared victory over the coronavirus. Here’s why that’s premature. [Vox, 4/16/20]

“But Trump’s claim that America is on the downside of new cases is dubious. Because the country still doesn’t have enough testing capacity to accommodate everyone who has symptoms or has come into contact with those who do, it’s possible the plateau in new cases that’s happened over the past week just reflects the reality that many cases are going undetected.” [Vox, 4/16/20]

Collins Praised Trump’s Leadership In Restoring The “Booming American And Texan Economy.”

“Excellent news for @DallasLoveField and all of North Texas! Thank you @realDonaldTrump for your leadership. Together, we will all get through this and restore our booming American and Texan economy. #TX32” [Genevieve Collins via Twitter, 5/22/20]

Aug. 2020: Collins Said The Economy Was “Thriving” Based Off Of Trump’s Policies. “It’s a tap dance with the president, but by and large, our community is thriving based off of his policies.” [Genevieve Collins: Grassroots Update Call, accessed 8/14/20]

Schools Across The Country Were Forced To Shut Down Due To The Effects And Spread Of Coronavirus.

“More than 200 employees have been barred from work in Georgia’s largest school district. A high school in Indiana had to shift to online learning after just two days. And students in Mississippi were forced to quarantine after classmates tested positive for the coronavirus during the first week of classes. The new academic year is off to a chaotic start as schools open in some parts of the country while infections continue to rage. Already in the South and the Midwest, students and teachers have brought the virus to school with them, triggering quarantines, delayed openings and temporary shutdowns as positive tests roll in. [...] In New York City, two cases in unrelated classrooms would be enough to trigger a temporary closure of an entire school, which could be extended for two weeks. But California’s rules say its schools should shut down if 5 percent of the staff and students test positive, which in large schools could mean scores of cases. Mississippi guidelines say that schools “may consider dismissal” if at least three classrooms have simultaneous outbreaks. [...] Many of the nation’s largest school districts have already announced that they will begin the school year with remote learning because infections in their communities are too widespread. That includes Los Angeles, the nation’s second-largest district, which reached a deal on Monday with the local teachers’ union that would establish a remote learning schedule that resembles a typical school day more closely than home instruction did in the spring. In Maryland, Gov. Larry
Hogan issued an emergency order counteracting Montgomery County’s health department, which said on Friday that all private schools needed to start the year remotely, just as public schools in the region were planning.” [New York Times, 8/3/20]

Axios: More Than 80,000 Small Businesses Permanently Closed From March 1 To July 25, Chapter 11 Filings Rose 30 Percent In The First Seven Months Of 2020, And 800 Small Businesses Filed For Chapter 11 Bankruptcy From Mid-February To July 31. “The result: Big companies have borrowed a record $1.9 trillion in corporate debt, including leveraged loans and investment grade and junk bonds thanks to the Fed's unprecedented asset purchases. But, as Bloomberg pointed out...More than 80,000 small businesses permanently closed from March 1 to July 25, including about 60,000 local businesses, or firms with fewer than five locations, according to Yelp. In the first seven months of the year, chapter 11 filings rose 30% from a year earlier, according to Epiq. About 800 small businesses filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy from mid-February to July 31, according to the American Bankruptcy Institute.” [Axios, 8/14/20]