I. COVID-19 Updates to Election Schedule and Procedures

Election Schedule Update

April 28, 2020: Special Election for the 7th Congressional District, only
June 2, 2020: Presidential Preference Primary, and State and Local Primary

Election Procedure Update

April 28, 2020: Every active registered voter in the 7th Congressional District was mailed a mail-in ballot on April 8, 2020. These voters will not need to request a ballot to receive one. However, “inactive” voters will not be mailed ballots. Voters can check their voter status on the State Board of Elections website, HERE, and if a voter is “inactive” they can update their status to “active” by confirming their address with their local Board of Elections prior to April 24. Alternatively, “inactive” voters will need to vote in person on Election Day. Voters can check to see if they live in the 7th District by checking their voter registration record (click the link HERE). Voters will also receive a return envelope and prepaid postage.

Voters returning completed ballots by mail must ensure that those ballots are postmarked by April 28. Voters can also return completed ballots to a secure drop box location by 8PM on April 28. Only three vote centers will be available for voters seeking to cast ballots in person. The vote centers are at the following locations:

(1) Baltimore City voters - Edmondson High School, 501 N. Athol Avenue, Baltimore, 21229;
(2) Baltimore County voters - Martin’s West, 6817 Dogwood Road, Windsor Mill, 21244; and
(3) Howard County voters – Howard County Fairgrounds, 2210 Fairgrounds Road, West Friendship 21794.

There will be no early voting for this election. Voters seeking to register for the first time can submit an application by mail by April 21, or online by April 24. Voters can also register on Election Day in person at one of the available vote centers.

June 2, 2020: Active eligible voter will be mailed a ballot. These voters will not need to request a ballot to receive one. However, “inactive” voters will not be mailed ballots. Voters can check their voter status on the State Board of Elections website, HERE, and if a voter is “inactive” they can update their status to “active” by confirming their address with their local Board of Elections prior to May 27. Alternatively, “inactive” voters will need to vote in person on Election Day. Note that Maryland is a closed primary state. As a result, for primary elections on June 2, only voters registered in a party will be eligible to vote in that party’s primary elections.

Election officials plan to mail ballots in early May. All mailed ballots will include a return envelope and prepaid postage. Voters will mail ballots to the address on file. Note, there will be no early voting vote centers available for this election. Voters seeking to register to vote have until May 27 to submit an application, or they can register in person on June 2 at an available vote center.

Voters seeking to have their ballot mailed to another address must submit an absentee ballot application to their local board of election. If the voter has a Maryland Driver’s License or ID Card, they can submit this application online by clicking HERE. Otherwise the voter must complete the paper absentee ballot form available by clicking HERE (English), or HERE (Spanish), and return it by mail, fax or email. This request must be received by May 26, if you request a ballot to be mailed to you, or by May 29 if making the request online.

If a voter has not received their mail-in ballot, they can request access to an electronic ballot up through Election Day. The voter should send an email to absentee.sbe@maryland.gov or call 1-800-222-8683 and request an electronic ballot for this election. The voter should include their full name, date of birth, political affiliation, and their registration address in the email. Once processed, the voter will have the ability to obtain access to an electronic ballot and oath, which they can complete, and return either by mail or at a dropbox on Election Day.

If you have any questions or need further information, please call the Election Protection Hotline at 1-866-OUR-VOTE (1-866-687-8683) or go to www.866OurVote.org. For Spanish-language assistance, call 1-888-VE-Y-VOTA. For assistance in various Asian languages, call 1-888-API-VOTE. For assistance in Arabic, call 1-844-YALLA-US.
also return completed ballots to secure drop box locations from May 21 through June 2. Locations of drop boxes are available by clicking HERE.

On Election Day, only a limited number of vote centers will be available for voters to cast ballots in-person. The list of available vote centers is available by clicking HERE.

If you have any other questions, please see the voter guide published by the State Board of Elections, available by clicking HERE.

2. **Poll Schedule** - On Election Day, each polling place will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. A voter in line by 8:00 p.m. has the right to vote.

3. **Voter ID** - Voters only have to show identification in certain limited circumstances. If it’s the voter’s first time voting, if the voter registered by mail, or if the voter didn’t provide identification to the local board of elections, the voter will be asked to show ID before voting. If you are asked to show ID, please show an election judge one of the following forms of ID:

   - Current and valid Maryland driver’s license with a photo
   - Current and valid photo ID issued by the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration
   - Current and valid student ID with a photo
   - Current and valid employee ID with a photo
   - Current and valid military ID with a photo

   • Current and valid U.S. passport
   • Any other current and valid Maryland or federal government-issued photo ID
   • Current (i.e., from within the last three months) utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the individual.

4. **Accessibility** - Almost all of Maryland’s polling places are accessible to voters with disabilities on Election Day. All of Maryland’s early voting centers are accessible to voters with disabilities. Use the voter look-up website to find out if the polling place is accessible: https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/PollingPlaceSearch.

5. **Assistance at the polls** - If a voter cannot read, write, or speak English or if he or she is blind or otherwise physically disabled, he or she has the right to receive help with voting by a person of his or her choice except the judge, challenger, or watcher of elections; the voter’s employer or an agent of the employer; or an officer or agent of the voter’s union.

   In addition, Montgomery County is obligated to provide voters materials in at least both English and Spanish. As a result, voters in that county should have access to ballots, forms and voter information materials in Spanish, and certain poll sites should have Spanish interpreters. Note, Montgomery and other may provide materials in other languages. Check the county website to see what materials are offered.

6. **Voter Registration Timeline** – Generally, voters submitting registration applications by mail must ensure that their application is postmarked by the twenty-first day before an election. Voters can also submit applications online by the twenty-first day before an election. Within twenty-one days of an election, voter can register at early voting vote centers, or at Election Day vote centers. The voter must provide proof of residency in the form of a Maryland driver’s license or identification card, a change of address card, paycheck, bank statement, utility bill, or other government document with the voter’s name and address on it.

7. **If a voter has moved** - Voter registration in Maryland is statewide. Voters who move within the state remain eligible to vote without re-registering. If you moved at least 21 days before the election, go to the polling place of your new address. You may receive a provisional ballot.

8. **Mistake ballot** - If you make a mistake marking your ballot, let an election judge know right away. In most cases, the election judge will void or cancel the ballot and give you another ballot.

9. **Polling place boundary** - Voters have the right to wait to vote (or to vote) without anyone electioneering or trying to influence their vote in any other way within 100 feet of the entrance of the building in which the polls are located (in Montgomery County the electioneering boundary may be between 25 and 100 feet). If you have any questions or need further information, please call the Election Protection Hotline at 1-866-OUR-VOTE (1-866-687-8683) or go to www.866OurVote.org. For Spanish-language assistance, call 1-888-VE-Y-VOTA. For assistance in various Asian languages, call 1-888-API-VOTE. For assistance in Arabic, call 1-844-YALLA-US.
10. **Provisional ballots** - A voter has the right to vote by provisional ballot if her or she declares in a written affirmation submitted with the provisional ballot that he or she is registered to vote in Maryland, eligible to vote in the election, and: (a) the voter’s name does not appear on the list of registered voters in his or her precinct; (b) the voter does not have the necessary identification; or (c) the voter’s right to vote has been challenged by an election official. **However, a provisional ballot should be a last resort.**

If you have any questions or to report any problems,

**call 1-866-OUR-VOTE (1-866-687-8683)**