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Covid-19 and Voting

In addition to its impact on our daily lives, Covid-19 has also caused several changes to the electoral process. The pandemic has shifted several dates for the 2020 elections across the country, including in the D.C. metropolitan area (the DMV). Here's information about new voting rules for D.C., Maryland and Virginia.

THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The D.C. Board of Elections is encouraging voting by mail in the June 2 Primary Election and June 16 Ward 2 Special Election. Twenty voting centers will open throughout the District

from **May 22 until June 2**. Voting will take place from **8:30am until 7pm**. All centers will open from 7am until 8pm on election day. Registered voters will be able to vote at any center. Social distancing measures will be enforced.

For the **June 16 Ward 2 Special Election**, voting centers will open on **Friday, June 12** and remain open through Election Day. Social distancing measures will be enforced.

Find more information on the D.C. Board of Elections website.

MARYLAND

The Governor Larry Hogan has delayed the 2020 presidential primary election through an executive order. The election was originally scheduled for April 28. It was rescheduled to take place on **June 2, 2020**. **Early voting** will be conducted from **May 21 through May 28**.

The State is also encouraging residents to **Vote by Mail**. After an earlier recommendation to hold an all mail-in primary, the Board of Elections has recommended in-person voting on Election Day in at least one location in each county. Absentee ballots will be sent to all eligible voters. Voters will be able to either mail them in or drop them off at certain locations from **May 21 through June 2**. There will be at least one location, and no more than four, for drop offs in each county.

For the latest presidential primary election information, CLICK HERE.

Voting by mail is also strongly encouraged for the special general election for **Maryland's 7th Congressional District**. All voters in that District will receive a mail-in ballot. To be counted, ballots for this election must be postmarked on or before April 28, or delivered to a drop box location by 8pm on April 28. Drop box locations will be finalized by Monday, April 20.

There will be three in-person voting locations for the April 28 election. They will be open from **7 a.m. to 8 p.m.** They are:

- **FOR BALTIMORE CITY VOTERS:** Westside Skill Center // 4501 Edmondson Avenue (Enter on Athol Ave), Baltimore 21229
- **FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY VOTERS:** Martin's West // 6817 Dogwood Road, Windsor Mill 21244

- **FOR HOWARD COUNTY VOTERS:** Howard County Fairgrounds // 2210
Fairgrounds Road, West Friendship 21794

**For the latest Special 7th Congressional District Election information, CLICK
HERE.**

VIRGINIA

Governor Ralph Northam postponed Virginia's May General and Special Elections by two weeks, from May 5 to May 19. He also moved the June primary elections from June 9 to June 23. Residents are encouraged to vote absentee, by mail, using disability or illness as their reason for doing so. Voters can obtain an absentee ballot [HERE](#). Deadlines to request absentee ballots are:

- **For May 19 election** - Tuesday, May 12 at 5 p.m.
- **For June 23 elections** - Tuesday, June 16 at 5 p.m.

Find more information on the Virginia Board of Elections website.