Voters in St. Mary's County Can Now Drop Completed Primary Ballots At Designated Locations

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A completed June 2 Primary election ballot may now be submitted at designated drop-off locations. The designated ballot drop-off locations for eligible voters in St. Mary's County are:

• Hollywood Firehouse Main Building 24801 Three Notch Road Hollywood, MD 20636

• Saint Mary's County Board of Elections 41650 Tudor Hall Road Leonardtown, MD 20650

Mail-in ballots for the June 2 Presidential Primary are being sent by U.S. Postal Service to all eligible state voters. Ballots for St. Mary's County residents are being mailed to voter addresses provided to the Maryland Board of Elections.

Any eligible voter who has not received a ballot in the mail may submit a ballot request to absentee.SBE@maryland.gov or call 1-800-222-8683. Those who have not registered to vote in the Presidential Primary may do so until Tuesday, May 27. Visit elections.maryland.gov and click "Register to Vote" to learn more.

Due to the novel coronavirus pandemic, voting for the June 2 Primary will be conducted primarily by mail, with limited options to vote in-person on election day in addition to the option to drop completed ballots at the aforementioned locations until June 2 at 8 p.m.

The pandemic also resulted in the date of the Primary being postponed from April 28. While the mail-in ballots received by voters display the original Primary date of April 28, the ballots are in fact valid for the June 2 election. Voters should be aware these are official ballots that will record actual votes. They are not sample ballots.

The return ballot must be postmarked no later than June 2 but can be mailed at any time before election day. Voters should sign only the oath on the outside of the envelope but not the ballot itself.

Same-day registration will be available to eligible voters who choose to vote in-person on June 2; however, the State Board of Elections strongly encourages all voters to register by May 27 and cast their ballots by mail. Voting by mail is safe, secure and free. No postage is required to vote by mail. Voters simply fill out their ballot, sign the oath on the envelope and place it back in the mail.

Votes cast by mail remain secret. The same technology and equipment used for in-person voting is utilized to count mail-in ballots. The equipment is never connected to the Internet or any other database.

The Maryland State Board of Elections is committed to educating voters on the changes made to the election procedures due to the novel coronavirus epidemic. These changes have been made to ensure voters can exercise their fundamental right to vote while also safeguarding the public's health during this pandemic.

For more information about this election, including a list of in-person voting locations, please visit www.elections.maryland.gov or contact the State Board at 1-800-222-8683.