Democratic Party of Georgia COVID-19 Contingency Plan

The Democratic Party of Georgia is committed to ensuring the safety, health, and well-being of all Georgians. The Party has enacted emergency measures to combat the spread of COVID-19:

- Georgia’s Presidential Preference Primary has been postponed until Tuesday, May 19th.
- Democratic Party of Georgia Headquarters will be closed from March 13 onwards, with all staff working remotely, until further notice.
- All DPG events scheduled are postponed until further notice. This includes fundraisers, community events, party meetings, and organizing events.
- All organizing efforts, including direct voter contact, will shift from in-person work to virtual work, and we encourage campaigns to do the same.

Nikema Williams, Chairwoman of the Democratic Party of Georgia issued the following statement:

“The Democratic Party of Georgia is putting public health and safety first, and we are doing everything we can to stop the spread of COVID-19 and protect Georgians. We have postponed all party events for the foreseeable future, and are transitioning our vital organizing and voter protection work to be done remotely in a safe manner to lower the risk of transmission.

We know how important it is to keep up our work to protect the vote and reach out to voters in every corner of our state, and we are adapting our work to be done in a safe way. All campaigns and candidates should join us in this effort, and transition organizing work to be done remotely for the time being.

These are hard decisions to make, but we are dealing with unprecedented challenges that we will rise to meet together. Georgia Democrats will
continue to do our part to keep Georgians safe, and continue to follow the guidance of public health officials as this crisis continues.”

Elections & Voter Protection

The Georgia Presidential Primary will be postponed to May 19th. Every single vote already cast will be counted, and every voter that has not had the opportunity to cast a ballot will be able to do so on May 19th. We encourage all voters to vote by mail for the foreseeable future, beginning with the May 2020 Primary. Our Voter Protection Hotline is available to answer any questions related to voting. Please reach out to a member of our voter protection team at 888-730-5816 if you have any questions.

Instructions on how to vote by mail: [https://www.georgiademocrat.org/vote/](https://www.georgiademocrat.org/vote/)

Delegate Selection for 2020 National Convention

Currently, the Democratic Party of Georgia has Delegate Selection meetings scheduled for Saturday, April 11 — these events are being postponed. Georgia Democrats are working with the DNC to evaluate options for a safe process, and will release changes to the Delegate Selection Plan in the upcoming weeks in accordance with the new primary date.

Public Health & Safety

We encourage you to follow the guidance from public health officials. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends the following prevention steps:

- Stay home when you are sick, except to receive medical attention
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds

We encourage you to follow the guidance from the CDC: [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html)

We understand that we cannot afford to slow down at such a critical time.
We are making adjustments to our programming so we can continue our mission: to elect Democrats up and down the ballot in Georgia. Moving forward, we will use remote organizing methods to continue our work, and we call on county parties, state leaders, campaigns and organizers to do the same.