FAQ: COVID-19 Impact on Georgia Voting

Answers to many frequently asked questions about the impact of coronavirus on the Georgia elections are below. For additional information, please call the Democratic Party of Georgia’s Voter Protection Hotline: (888) 730-5816.

**Georgia’s Presidential Primary is postponed until May 19, with early voting scheduled to resume April 27.**

Georgia’s Secretary of State postponed the Presidential Primary, originally scheduled for March 24. The Presidential Primary is now scheduled for May 19, the same previously scheduled date as the general election primary for a U.S. Senate seat and many other offices.

- In-person Early voting will resume on April 27 and run until May 15.
- All early in-person and Vote-by-Mail ballot votes that have already been cast, or that were received by County Registrar Offices by March 24, will be counted.
- These voters should request a Vote-by-Mail ballot for the May 19 Primary in order to vote in the non-Presidential races.

**All voters should act now to request a Vote-by-Mail ballot for the May 19 primaries.**

Due to the uncertainty about conditions in May, all voters should request Vote-by-Mail ballots for the May 19 primaries.

- Vote-by-Mail applications are being mailed out to most Georgia voters in the first week of April. All voters should check their mailboxes to confirm receipt of an application.
- Voters who did not receive a Vote-by-Mail application in the mail can download an application [here](#).
- Step-by-step Vote-by-Mail application instructions for Georgia voters are available [here](#). Voters who are over 65 years old, disabled, or live overseas can request to automatically receive a ballot for every election through January 2021.
- Vote-by-Mail APPLICATIONS may be delivered in person, mailed, or emailed to the county in which a voter is registered. [Details by county here](#).
- Vote-by-Mail BALLOTS must be returned by mail (two stamps!) or in person, and must be RECEIVED by (not sent to!) your county by 7pm on May 19.

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Voter registration has reopened for the Presidential Primary through April 20.

The voter registration deadline for the combined May 19 primaries is April 20. Voters who register by April 20 will be eligible to vote in all May 19 primaries, including the Presidential Primary if they have not already cast a ballot in that primary.

Voters should take extra precautions to protect their health while voting.

For in-person voting:

- Consistent with CDC guidance, voters waiting in line to vote should distance themselves at least 6 feet from one another.
- Voters should use hand sanitizer and/or wash their hands before and after voting. Some voters may need to consider wearing a mask.
- Voters will need to make their voting selections on a touchscreen and should refrain from touching their faces while voting.

For voting by mail:

- When handling a Vote-by-Mail application and ballot, due to the potential for COVID-19 to survive on surfaces for a few hours to up to several days, we recommend voters wash their hands after completing and mailing their applications and ballots.
- Due to the potential for COVID-19 to be transmitted through saliva, we also recommend that instead of licking the envelopes, voters use a wet sponge or cloth to seal the envelopes.

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