COVID-19 Guidance for 2020 Primary Elections

Ohio Department of Health Director Amy Acton, M.D., MPH, strongly recommends that all of Ohio’s registered voters be notified of the following:

- Dr. Acton signed a public health order regarding the closure of the polling locations in the state of Ohio on March 17 for preventing the spread of contagious or infectious diseases.
  
  a. This order was made to avoid the imminent threat with a high probability of widespread exposure to COVID-19 with a significant risk of substantial harm to a large number of the people in the general population, including the elderly and people with weakened immune systems and chronic medical conditions.
  
  b. It is clear from history and experience that a large number of people (50 or more persons) gather at polling locations, which increases the risk of transmission of COVID-19.

- Ohio’s Primary Election Day will be June 2, 2020.
  
  a. This date was selected so that people can enjoy going to the polls and casting votes. This has been extended so people don’t have to choose between their constitutional right and their health.
  
  b. Poll workers who were scheduled to work on March 17 are encouraged to volunteer on June 2, 2020. Anyone who is interested in serving as a poll worker should contact their county Board of Elections.

- You may still vote absentee. If you did not vote in-person or using an absentee ballot before March 17, 2020, you are encouraged to submit your absentee ballot at anytime or vote on the rescheduled Primary Election Day to be held on June 2, 2020.

- You may check your voter registration and other information on the Secretary of State website at https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/#gref.

For additional information, visit coronavirus.ohio.gov.

For answers to your COVID-19 questions, call 1-833-4ASKODH (1-833-427-5634).
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