

Primary Election

Tuesday, July 7, 2020

Per Governor Murphy's Executive Order #144, the primary elections will be conducted **primarily by mail** with notable changes, including **modified in-person voting**. See below for important information:

ALL "Active" registered voters will automatically receive mail-in Ballots. Voters can then mail their ballot OR place their ballot in a designated secured drop box.

ALL "Unaffiliated" and "Inactive" registered voters will automatically receive *AN APPLICATION* for a Vote-by-Mail Ballot (so an "unaffiliated" voter can "declare" a party and cast their vote through the mail).

3 WAYS TO CAST YOUR VOTE

- 1. Mail your Ballot** - Simply put your ballot in the mail by 7/7/20 (must be postmarked by this date).
- 2. NEW OPTION - Place your Ballot in a designated secured "Drop Box"**. There will be 5 designated secured Drop Boxes located throughout the County for you to place your ballot in.
 - Somerset County Building - 20 Grove Street, Somerville
 - Hillsborough Municipal Building – 379 South Branch Rd., Hillsborough
 - Bernards Town Hall – 1 Collyer Lane, Basking Ridge
 - Franklin Town Hall – 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset
 - Bridgewater Town Hall – 100 Commons Way, Bridgewater
- 3. In-Person Voting** – There will be a limited number of polling locations throughout the State and County. The Borough's polling location is at 1 School Street, Peapack, NJ.
 - All Voters who go to a polling site will **VOTE BY PROVISIONAL BALLOT - NOT ON A MACHINE** (except voters with disabilities may vote on an ADA-accessible voting machine).
 - Mail-in ballots **CAN NOT** be returned to a polling place and must either be dropped in a designated secured drop box by 8:00 PM or postmarked by the post office by 7/7/20.

Occupancy will be limited to a number that permits voters to maintain six feet between each other and poll workers. Poll workers will be required to wear face coverings and to wear gloves when in contact with voters. Voters are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings; however, a poll worker will not deny entry if a person refuses to wear a mask. Sanitization materials will be provided, such as hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes, to poll workers, voters, and those accompanying voters. Frequent sanitization of high-touch areas in polling places consistent with CDC guidelines will be performed.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- SAMPLE BALLOTS **WILL NOT** BE SENT. The County will, however, provide instructions on how to obtain a sample ballot if you would like one.
- ALL Return Envelopes will have prepaid postage to guarantee proper delivery.
- The time limit for County Clerk to receive vote-by-mail ballots postmarked on or before July 7th has been extended to July 14, 2020, at 8:00 p.m to allow ample time for delivery of ballots by the post office.

Please click on the links for additional information: [Executive Order 144](#) and co.somerset.nj.us/government/elected-officials/county-clerk/election-division/2020-primary

Any questions, call the Municipal Clerk's office at 908-234-2250 x 100.