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Don't Forget to Vote in the May 19th Primary Election

The coronavirus pandemic is changing the way Idahoans will vote in the May Primary Election. Governor Brad Little and Secretary of State Lawrence Denney announced that the Idaho May 19th Primary Election will be conducted by absentee ballot. This change impacts voters who may need assistance casting a ballot. Ada County Elections is working to ensure every voter has the ability to vote in the May 19th Primary Election.

Voting absentee by mail is a simple way for many voters with disabilities to participate in the Primary Election. Voters may complete their ballot in the comfort and privacy of their home. Here are the three steps you need take to request an absentee ballot:

1. Request Your Ballot

You must request your ballot by May 19, 2020 in order to vote. You can request your ballot online through the Secretary of State's Office at IdahoVotes.gov. You can also contact our office for help by calling 208-287-6860. Registered voters who do not request their ballot by late April, will be mailed a ballot application.

Please note, you will need to be registered to vote to participate in the upcoming election. You can register online at IdahoVotes.gov.

2. Wait for Your Ballot

Once you've requested your ballot, give our team some time to process your request and drop your ballot in the mail. It may take up to 10 days for you to receive your ballot once you've submitted your request.

You can track your ballot, and confirm your ballot request has been received, at IdahoVotes.gov.

3. Vote and Return Your Ballot

As soon as you receive your ballot, vote and use the pre-addressed and pre-paid envelope to mail it back to us. Please be sure to sign the return envelope.

All ballots must be received by 8 p.m. on June 2, 2020 to be counted. Voters are encouraged to send their ballots back to us as soon as possible.

If absentee voting is not an option and further assistance or accommodations are needed to cast a ballot, Ada County Elections will have a voter assistance terminal available at the Elections office on 400 N. Benjamin Lane in Boise. The ADA Compliant voting equipment will be available by appointment only, April 20 through May 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please contact our office at 208-287-6860 to schedule an appointment.