Safety is Our Priority

Election officials are focused on protecting the health of voters and poll managers. We are taking steps to ensure a safer environment with touchless voting and social distancing measures.

What is Being Done?

• Every voter in South Carolina is now qualified to vote absentee in the June Primaries and Runoffs. The provision expires on July 1, 2020.
• Poll managers will receive special Covid-19 training on applying social distancing and maintaining sanitary conditions in the polling place.
• Poll managers are being provided:
  ◦ Masks, face shields and gloves.
  ◦ Sneeze guards for check-in stations.
  ◦ Sanitizing wipes for frequent cleaning of common surfaces.
• Check-in stations and voting equipment will be spaced at least six feet apart.
• Voters will be provided disposable cotton swabs for making selections on the touchscreen.
• Hand sanitizer will be provided for voters and poll managers.

What Can You Do?

• To vote absentee by mail:
  ◦ Get your application now at scVOTES.org or your county voter registration office.
  ◦ Once you receive your ballot, vote the ballot, and return it as soon as possible.
  ◦ Be sure to sign the return envelope, but the witness signature is NOT required for the primaries and runoffs
• To vote absentee in person:
  ◦ Visit your county voter registration office or satellite absentee location. Get dates, times, and locations at scVOTES.org.
• If voting at your polling place on Election Day, check your polling place at scVOTES.org before going to the polls. Some polling places will be relocated due to COVID-19.
• When voting in person:
  ◦ Bring your Photo ID (or voter registration card if you do not have a Photo ID) to hold up for viewing during check in.
  ◦ Wear a protective mask if you have one.
  ◦ Bring your own pen for signing the poll list.
  ◦ Practice social distancing by spacing yourself at least six feet apart from others.

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