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## **PRESS RELEASE**

# **PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY: COVID-19 UPDATE**

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**Flagler County, FL** – Kaiti Lenhart, Supervisor of Elections for Flagler County announces safeguards for voting in the Presidential Preference Primary Election during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

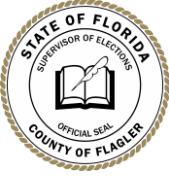
“The safety of our voters and election workers remains a top priority. My office is taking active measures to help ensure our polling places are sanitary during this election using recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). My office is following these guidelines, including training poll workers to clean voting equipment using disinfectant supplies and by making hand sanitizer available for workers and voters. I encourage voters with concerns to consider voting early today or Saturday. Voters who choose to vote on Election Day may vote during off-peak hours (1:00 – 4:00 P.M.) as a way of minimizing contact with crowds on Election Day.”

At this time, there is no indication from the Department of State that the election will be suspended or delayed. We are taking preventative measures to keep our workers and voters safe by using recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC):

- Cleaning and disinfecting surfaces including door handles, signature pads, voting booths and pens at least every hour and more often in between voters
- Providing hand sanitizer for voters and workers, encouraging frequent hand washing

Our early voting sites have been provided these supplies and guidelines. All of our 24 polling locations on Election Day will also have these supplies. We are also educating our poll workers using resources from the CDC on proper handwashing and disinfecting techniques.

Voters have several options to cast a ballot in the Presidential Preference Primary Election.



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### **Early Voting**

Voters can cast a ballot at one of three early voting sites in Flagler County today and Saturday, March 14 from 10:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.

### **Vote-By-Mail**

Voters can choose to pick-up a Vote-by-Mail ballot from the Elections Office, up to and including Election Day. All mail ballots must be received by 7:00 P.M. on Election Day. You may drop off your ballot in person at any early voting location during voting hours. We also have a secure ballot drop box at the entrance of the Elections Office in Bunnell which is under video surveillance and available 24/7.

### **Election Day Precinct Voting**

Tuesday, March 17th is the last chance to vote in the Presidential Preference Primary Election. Voters choosing to cast their ballots on Election Day must do so at their assigned precinct polling location. There are no changes to Election Day precinct locations at this time. Find your precinct online: [www.FlaglerElections.com/precinct-finder](http://www.FlaglerElections.com/precinct-finder)