ATTENTION VOTERS! Primary Election delayed until <u>Tuesday</u>, June 9, 2020

By Executive Order of the Governor of West Virginia, the date of the Primary Election has been delayed until Tuesday, June 9, 2020.

We will still be conducting an open absentee ballot process for all voters desiring to request to vote an absentee paper ballot by mail for fear of being in public due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Absentee ballot applications will be mailed to all voters by the second week of April 2020. If a voter wishes to vote by absentee ballot, they can complete the application and return to the Monongalia County Clerk's Office by email, fax or postal mail. Once our office receives the application we will mail a ballot to you. Ballots are mailed with a prepaid postage return envelope.

Please do not submit duplicate absentee ballot applications. If you return your application by email, it is not necessary to also mail your request.

Mailing address:	Monongalia County Clerk
	243 High St., Rm. 123
	Morgantown, WV 26505
Fax:	304-291-7233
Email:	elections@monongaliacountyclerk.com

Please note the following deadline changes:

Last day to register or update your voter registration
Early Voting
Last day to request an absentee ballot
ELECTION DAY and return of absentee ballot

Frequently asked questions about the Primary Election:

1) What if I have already received an absentee ballot?

Answer: All ballots that have been returned or will be returned to the County Clerk's Office will be kept secure and processed with the other ballots on Election Day.

2) Are absentee ballots treated as a provisional ballot?

Answer: NO! An absentee ballot is considered a standard ballot and will be counted with all other ballots (absentee, early voting and Election Day) the night of the election.

 How will I know if my absentee ballot counted? Answer: A voter can track their absentee ballot online to make sure their ballot was received and processed by using the following link:

https://services.sos.wv.gov/Elections/Voter/AbsenteeBallotTracking

 Can absentee ballots be signed electronically? Answer: No. Absentee applications must be signed by the voter. Digital or electronic signatures are not permitted.

5) If I am registered as No Party Affiliated and wish to vote by absentee ballot, will I be able to choose a political party ballot?

Answer: Yes. The absentee application provides a selection box for No Party Affiliated voters to make their ballot selection request.

6) If I vote by absentee ballot, do I have to send in a form of identification? Answer: Yes if you are a new voter in West Virginia, or this is your first attempt to vote after becoming a registered voter in West Virginia.

Pursuant to W. Va. Code § 3-2-10, you **must** submit a copy of one of the following forms of identification with your absentee ballot, which shows your **current name** and **residence address**. Acceptable forms are:

- Valid photo identification (*e.g.* driver's license)
- Utility bill
- Bank statement
- Government check
- Paycheck
- Any other official government document

7) I registered to vote online or updated my registration and have not received a voter registration card.

Answer: Voter registration can be verified online by using the following link: https://services.sos.wv.gov/Elections/Voter/AmlRegisteredToVote

As long as you are registered to vote you will be able to apply for an absentee ballot. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, our staff is focused on processing the absentee ballot applications and the mailing of the ballots. After this election we will resume the printing of our plastic voter registration cards and will mail to the voters before the November General Election to use for in-person voting. If you need a voter registration card to use as a form of identification, please send us an email to <u>elections@monongaliacountyclerk.com</u> and we will be happy to mail you one of the regular paper voter registration cards for identification purposes.