



Christian County Clerk & Recorder

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***** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE *****

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Re: General Primary Election, Tuesday, March 17, 2020

Due to the heightened concern with public activities and COVID-19, precautions are being taken to protect the election judges, polling places, and voters for the election:

- Bleach wipes are located at each polling place and election judges may regularly use them to clean the pens, voting booths, tables, handles, door knobs, and other commonly touched surfaces throughout the day.
- Each polling place is a facility that has a bathroom. Election judges and voters may wash hands as necessary to reduce the opportunity to spread any germs.
- The new tabulating equipment reads paper ballots that are completed with standard black ink and not the special ballot markers used previously. Black ink pens are provided at each polling place, however, any concerned voter may bring their own black ink pen to complete the paper ballot.

There have been no changes to the election schedule. Early voting is available in the Christian County courthouse on Monday from 8am to 5pm. The elevator is being serviced and is not available for use. Accommodations are available to provide voting services on the first floor of the courthouse if anyone has difficulty in climbing the stairs. Voting is also provided in my office located on the second floor of the courthouse.

Similar to the polling places, the counters, tables, booths, pens, and other surfaces are cleaned regularly to protect the employees and citizens who choose to use the services in the County Clerk and Recorder's office.

Finally, the display of election results in the hallway outside of my office will not occur. Results returned to the courthouse are posted on the county website at <https://christiancountyil.com/county-clerk-recorder/elections/> There is no reason for anyone to be in the courthouse except for the election staff and pollwatchers with the proper credentials.

If you have any questions, please email elections@christiancountyil.com or call the office at 217-824-4969.

Respectfully,

Michael C. Gianasi
Christian County Clerk & Recorder