



Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections  
Coronavirus Preparedness Update

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The health and safety of our community – including voters, poll workers and staff – is our top concern. I want to share with you the measures we're taking to address Coronavirus.

- We currently have the following emergency polling place changes. All polling place changes are listed on our website and updated in our [online precinct finder](#). On-site signs will direct voters to the proper location for voting. Those who vote at the following locations have been reassigned:
  - The Meadows at Countrywood (precinct 764) is moved to Bruton Memorial Library, 302 McLendon St., Plant City
  - Concordia Village (precinct 561) is moved to University Area Community Development Center, 14013 N. 22nd St., Tampa
  - Kings Point Clubhouse (precincts 904, 908), Sun Towers (precinct 906), Sun City Center Community Room (precinct 909), and Sun City Center Florida Room (precinct 921) are moved to SouthShore Regional Library, 15816 Beth Shields Way, Ruskin
  - Hawthorne Estates (precinct 834) is moved to Kings Avenue Baptist Church, 2602 S. Kings Ave., Brandon
  - Rocky Creek Retirement Village (precinct 423) is moved to Tampa Korean Seventh Day Adventist, 7215 Sheldon Rd. Tampa
  - Vista 400 (precinct 163) is moved to Beulah Baptist Institutional Church, 1006 W. Cypress St., Tampa
  - Aston Gardens (precinct 433) is moved to Philippine Cultural Foundation, 14301 Nine Eagles Dr., Tampa
  - *(Please note: University Village-Independent Living (precinct 560) will remain a polling place, at 12401 N 22<sup>nd</sup> St, Tampa)*
- We are in regular communication with Hillsborough County's Emergency Operations Center, the Hillsborough County Joint Information Center, Florida's other Supervisors of Elections, and the FL Division of Elections, and we are following guidelines set forth by the CDC and the Florida Department of Health.
- We have hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes at all polling locations. (Hillsborough County Fire Rescue Procurement assisted us in obtaining additional sanitizing supplies for Election Day.)
- We have directed our poll workers and staff to wipe down equipment frequently, to wash their hands thoroughly and often, and to stay home if they're sick.

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- We have directed poll workers to encourage social distancing among our voters, both inside and outside the polling place, with no more than 10 people in the polling place at one time.
- In our offices, we have dedicated housekeeping staff cleaning surfaces, door handles, etc. throughout the day.
- We have directed polling place clerks to check with their team members and ensure no one works on Election Day who is sick or has been in a Level-3 location (China, Iran, S. Korea, Italy) in the last two weeks.
- We have two “pop-up precincts” ready for deployment in case a polling place becomes unavailable at the last minute.
- We are keeping a close eye on Election Day polling place staffing. We staff every polling place with both a clerk and an assistant clerk who can run the polling place, as well as additional staff. We have identified and trained more than 50 additional Supervisor of Elections Office and Hillsborough County staff who are available to be reassigned from their regular duties to an Election Day polling place, if needed.
- “Over-the-counter” Vote By Mail ballots can be picked up by voters (or their designees, with [this signed affidavit](#)) at any of our four offices (weekdays 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., weekends 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Election Day, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.) On Election Day, you also have to complete [this Election Day Absentee Ballot Delivery Affidavit](#) to affirm that an emergency is keeping you from being able to vote in your assigned polling place.
- We will be set up to receive voted Vote By Mail ballots curbside at our Elections Service Center, 2514 N. Falkenburg Rd., on Election Day, from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- We’re currently at 23.5% turnout, with more than 145,000 voters having voted early or by mail (more than the number of voters who vote before Election Day in 2016). Early Voting was held at 23 locations around the county for 14 days. With the use of all three methods of voting, we don’t expect crowded voting sites.
- Our Vote By Mail operations are entirely in-house, so we are prepared to expand the availability of Vote By Mail if ordered by the state.

This is obviously a fluid situation, and we’re prepared to change course, if needed.



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