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CRAWFORD COUNTY COVID-19 POSITIVES AT 17

Crawford County Election Votes to Go with Paper Ballots

MEADVILLE, PA – The number of people testing positive for COVID-19 in Crawford County remains at 17. As Crawford County continues mitigation efforts to fight COVID-19, the Crawford County Election Board voted today to go with all paper ballots for the June 2, 2020 Primary Election, and is encouraging registered voters to apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot if they chose to do so. In order to receive a mail-in or absentee ballot, registered voters may contact the Crawford County Election and Voter Services Office by mail at 903 Diamond Park, Meadville, PA 16335, by phone at 814.333.7300 or they may apply online at votespa.com. The deadline to apply is 5:00 pm, May 26.

Voters who applied for a mail-in or absentee ballot before the change of election date do not need to apply again, but voters whose address has changed since they applied should contact the Voter Services Office. The County has started to send ballots to those registered voters who have already applied for a mail-in or absentee ballot. Completed mail-in and absentee ballots must be returned to Voter Services no later than 8:00 pm on election day, June 2.

Communication from the State indicates that the State will provide counties with funding to send informational mailings to voters, purchase equipment and protective supplies, promote and facilitate mail-in voting, increase needed staffing and take other actions to improve election administration and voting safety and security. The Federal CARES Act and State appropriations from election security and technology are the proposed funding sources. The Department of State is also purchasing infection-protection kits for all counties to provide to precincts so poll workers can maintain a safe voting environment at polling locations on June 2. These kits may include masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, floor marking tape and other sanitizing supplies and will be provided to the counties at no cost to them.

With the onset of the COVID-19 crisis, the Pennsylvania General Assembly passed, and Governor Wolf signed, Act 12 of 2020, which rescheduled the Primary Election and made additional changes to the process for voters, as well as county election officials. The new deadline to register to vote or update a voter registration for the Primary is May 18.

Act 12 also allows counties to temporarily consolidate polling places more easily as they work to relocate voting sites such as those at senior centers, now closed because of the COVID-19 emergency. Counties must finalized any polling place changes 20 days before the election and post that information 15 days before the election. Voters will be able to check their voting location on the Crawford County website. For more information on the new mail-in ballots and all things related to voting in Pennsylvania, call the Department of State's toll-free hotline at 1-877-VOTESPA (1-877-868-3772) or visit votesPA.com.

Stay calm, Stay home, stay safe...and wear a mask if you go out and will be around other people.

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