# El DORADO COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS



**AUGUST 2020 SUPPLEMENT** 

 $\overline{\mathbf{O}}$ 

VOTER'S CHOICE ACT
ELECTION ADMINISTRATION PLAN
SEPTEMBER 2019

### El Dorado County Election Administration Plan Supplement TABLE OF CONTENTS

Introduction	2
SECTION 1 -CHANGES TO VOTE CENTER OPERATIONS AND PROTOCO Days of Operation	3
Health and Safety Practices	3
SECTION 2- How voters can ensure they vote and return their ballot Safely	4
SECTION 3 - VOTER EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PLAN  Media and other outlets of notification	
Voter Education Workshop for Minority Language Voters	
Voter Education Workshop for the Disability Community	
APPENDICES	7
Appendix A-Vote center locations and hours	7
Appendix B-Drop box locations and hours	

#### **El Dorado County Elections**

### AUGUST 2020 SUPPLEMENT TO SEPTEMBER 2020 ELECTION ADMINISTRATION PLAN

#### INTRODUCTION

This supplement addresses changes to El Dorado County's Outreach, Education and Election Operations plans for the November 3, 2020 General Election, in response to changes in the law and the COVID-19 Pandemic.

These changes are mandated by Governor Gavin Newsom's recently issued executive orders and the California Legislature's recently passed bills addressing the same issues as the Governor's orders.

El Dorado County conducted its first election in compliance with SB450, the Voters Choice Act for the March 2020 Statewide Primary. This supplement addresses changes being implemented for the November Presidential General Election to ensure all registered voters can vote safely during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

This supplement specifically addresses the following:

- A reduction in Vote Center availability from 11 days to 4 days
- Health and safety practices being implemented at vote centers designed to keep vote center workers and voters safe in accordance with state and county public health standards
- Steps voters can take to ensure they have access to in person accessible voting and can vote safely
- Voter outreach and education required under California Elections Code section 14201 to inform voters of their voting options

El Dorado County is committed to providing a safe and efficient voting experience for all voters.

#### SECTION 1-CHANGES TO VOTE CENTER OPERATIONS AND PROTOCOL

**Days of Operation-** El Dorado County will be reducing the number of days Vote Centers are open for in person voting from 11 days to 4 Days. All 13 vote centers will be open beginning Saturday October 31, 2020 through Election Day. See the vote center listing included as exhibit A for locations and hours of operation.

**Health and Safety-** El Dorado County will be implementing specific measures during in person voting at vote centers designed to keep vote center workers and voters safe in accordance with State and County public health standards. Those measures include:

- All vote center workers will be required to wear protective face coverings and voters will be strongly encouraged to wear them.
- Social Distancing protocols will be implemented inside and outside vote centers.
- Vote center workers will be socially distanced at all time and protective barriers will be in place between vote center workers and voters.
- Voting stations will be spaced six feet apart.
- A vote center worker will be dedicated to sanitizing frequently touched surfaces and equipment throughout the day.
- Voters that cannot or will not wear protective face coverings will have a separate flow in the vote center keeping them distanced from voters that do wear them and have a curbside voting option.
- Vote centers will be limited to only voters that desire to vote in person or require language or disability assistance from vote center workers. Vote by Mail drop off will be outside the vote center.
- Drive up/curbside voting will be available at all vote centers for voters with disabilities and those that do not wear protective face coverings.
- Limit the number of voters allowed inside the vote center at a given time based on size of the center and ability to maintain social distance.
- All vote centers will have the following personal protective items available to voters that need them:
  - Face Masks
  - Disposable Gloves
  - Hand Sanitizer
  - Face Shields

#### SECTION 2- How voters can ensure they vote and return their ballot safely

El Dorado County Elections supports our voter's choice on how they would like to vote. Since the implementation of the Voters Choice Act for the March 2020 Presidential Primary, all registered voters receive a ballot in the mail. For the November Presidential General Election, the mailed ballots will enter the mail stream on October 5, 2020 and should arrive in home mailboxes by October 12.

There are several alternatives for voters to mark and return their ballot safely. To minimize potential exposure to Covid-19 voters can mark the ballot they receive in the mail in the privacy of their own home any time before or on Election Day. When complete they can return their ballot in the postage-paid envelope provided with the ballot using any of the following methods that avoids contact with others.

**US Postal Service**- Insert the marked ballot in the postage paid return envelope, **SIGN** the envelope and deposit it in any US Postal Service mailbox. The ballot will be delivered directly to the El Dorado County Elections Department.

**Drop Boxes-** Insert the marked ballot in the return envelope, <u>SIGN</u> the envelope and deposit it in any of the 13 ballot drop boxes located throughout the county. Six of those boxes have permanent drive up access and all envelopes deposited in drop boxes are retrieved by an El Dorado County Election Officials regularly. A list of locations and available hours of the drop boxes is included as Appendix B.

**Vote Center Drop Off-** Insert the marked ballot in the return envelope, <u>SIGN</u> the envelope and deposit it in the receptacle for vote by mail ballots outside each vote center. A list of Vote Center locations and hours is included as Appendix A.

For the November 2020 Presidential General Election, El Dorado County will make the Remote Access Vote by Mail (RAVBM) system available to any voter upon request.

#### **SECTION 3 - VOTER EDUCATION AND OUTREACH**

The El Dorado County Elections Department (County) will be informing the public of the adjustments being made to our operations for the November 3, 2020 presidential Election utilizing traditional media, social media, mailings to voters, in the Voter Information Guides and including special inserts with each vote by mail ballot.

Additionally, the County will hold remote meetings with minority language and disabled communities to ensure they have an opportunity to provide input and are informed and educated about the adjustments being made to voting for the upcoming election.

### 1-A Media for Access to Ballots and Public Service Announcements (PSA) For Election Notice

§4005(a)(10)(I)(i)(II), §4005(a)(10)(I)(i)(VIII)

The County will utilize multiple media outlets and PSA's in accessible formats to promote VBM and how to request one in an accessible format. The Media Outlets and methods we will use include the following:

- 1) Newspapers (regional and community)
- 2) Radio
- 3) Social Media and Department Website
  - a. Facebook: El Dorado County Elections Department Home | Facebook
  - b. Twitter County of El Dorado (@CountyElDorado) | Twitter
  - c. County newsfeed subscription list
  - d. County Email Subscription Service
  - e. County Website: Elections El Dorado County
- 4) Public Transit Messaging (El Dorado Transit, Paratransit, Dial a Ride, Buses, and Transit Hubs)
- 5) Media Sessions
- 6) Other El Dorado County Departments (such as Health and Human Services, Human Assistance, Veteran Services)
- 7) Public Service Announcements, broadly distributed in multiple formats to all outlets serving the County

In order to reach all voters, including those with disabilities, the County will produce PSAs in visual and audio formats to inform voters of the changes being implemented in light of the Covid-19 pandemic and the availability of the Election Departments toll-free assistance hotline. The outlets being targeted for the PSAs are radio stations, television stations, newspapers (such as Mountain Democrat, Tahoe Tribune and Georgetown Gazette), billboards and public transit stations.

El Dorado County is joint marketing with neighboring counties to develop PSAs specific to radio and television in order to reach a broader number of registered voters efficiently and more cost effectively.

### **Voter Education Workshop for Minority Language Voters**

4005(a)(10)(I)(i)(VI), §4005(a)(10)(I)(i)(VI)(ia)

The County will hold a bilingual voter education workshop for each of El Dorado County's federal and state currently required languages. At the time of preparing this plan there are no required Federal Languages. Spanish and Chinese are the required State Languages.

The workshop will be held virtually and will occur in September, just prior to ballot packets being dropped in the mail, with the goal of reaching as many minority language voters as possible. They will provide an opportunity for the County's language communities to receive information about materials and assistance available in their specified language, in addition to information about the changes being made to ensure a safe voting process. LAAC members will assist in selecting the workshop date and notifying those voters. Publicity for the virtual meeting will occur no less than 10 days in advance of the meeting date.

### **Voter Education Workshop for the Disability Community**

§4005(a)(10)(I)(i)(VI), §4005(a)(10)(I)(i)(VI)(ib)

The County will hold virtual voter education workshops to educate voters with disabilities about changes being implemented to ensure a safe voting process for voters with disabilities. The workshop will be held virtually in September, just prior to ballot packets being dropped in the mail with the goal of reaching as many disabled voters as possible. The VAAC members will assist in selecting the workshop date and notifying voters with disabilities about the workshop. The workshop will include the measures being taken as a result of Covid-19 pandemic as well as the options to vote such as RAVBM, use of drop boxes and vote by mail. Information about the workshop will be announced at least 10 days in advance of the meeting date.

### **Appendix A-Vote Center Locations and Hours**

## PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION EL DORADO COUNTY VOTE CENTER LOCATIONS OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 3, 2020

**IMPORTANT-** The hours listed below for each vote center apply to October 31 to November 2 ONLY.

### ALL VOTE CENTERS WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:00A M to 8:00 PM ON ELECTION DAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020

Cameron Park:			
Cameron Park CSD	2502 Country Club Dr	8:30AM-4:30PM	
El Dorado Hills:			
California Welcome Center	2085 Vine St, Suite 105	8:30AM-4:30PM	
**Fire Station 85	1050 Wilson Blvd	8:30AM-4:30PM	
El Dorado Hills Library	7455 Silva Valley Pkwy	8:30AM-4:30PM	
·	•		
<u>Greenwood:</u>			
California Conservation Corp	4411 State Hwy 193	8:30AM-4:30PM	
Placerville:			
El Dorado County Building C	2850 Fairlane Ct	8:00AM-4:00PM	
Town Hall	,	8:00AM-4:00PM	
	,	8:30AM-4:30PM	
Lions Club	4701 Missouri Flat Rd	8:30AM-4:30PM	
Dellack Divers			
Pollock Pines:			
**Pollock Pines Community Ctr	2675 Sanders Dr	8:30AM-4:30PM	
Shingle Springs:	0000 B	0.00414.4.00514	
El Dorado County Child Support	3883 Ponderosa Rd	8:30AM-4:30PM	
Somerset:			
Pioneer Park Community Center	6740 Fairplay Rd	8:30AM-4:30PM	
Florieer Fark Community Center	0740 Faliplay Itu	0.30AIVI-4.30FIVI	
South Lake Tahoe:			
**California Conservation Corp	1949 Anache I n	8:30AM-4:30PM	
Lake Tahoe Community College	1 College Dr	8:30AM-4:30PM	
, , ,	•	5.507 NVI 7.501 IVI	
** Facilities with ** require face covering			

ALL VOTE CENTERS WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 AM TO 8:00 PM ON ELECTION DAY, NOVEMBER 3, 202

### **Appendix B-Drop Box Locations and Hours**

### DROP BOX LOCATIONS AND HOURS OCTOBER 6-NOVEMBER 3, 2020

<u>IMPORTANT-</u> Hours listed for each drop box location are the business hours for the facility at the time of printing. ALL drop boxes will be locked at 8:00 PM November 3, 2020

ALL DROP BOXES WILL BE LOCKED AT 8:00PM NOVEMBER 3, ELECTION DAY