



HINDS COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

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HINDS COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION PROVIDES DETAILS ON COVID-19 PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES SURROUNDING THE NOVEMBER ELECTION

Hinds County, MS: As the health of Hinds County residents and the opportunity for each voter to participate in a fair voting process is of the utmost importance to the Hinds County Election Commission, the commission has been working closely with the Hinds County Board of Supervisors, the Hinds County Circuit Clerk, and the county administrator to address concerns regarding the Hinds County voting process and COVID-19.

CHANGES TO VOTING POLL LOCATIONS FOR THE NOVEMBER ELECTION

Current recommended guidance from the Mississippi Secretary of State's Office and the CDC regarding elections processes is that polling locations housed in nursing homes and senior care facilities be relocated to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Also, as a precautionary measure to further reduce the chances of individuals contracting the virus, there are some local churches that normally provide space for voting precincts that are currently closed to the public. Therefore, due to these concerns arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Hinds County Election Commission has determined the temporary relocation of the following three (3) polling locations is necessary to ensure public health safety *during the November Election only*:

SUPERVISOR'S DISTRICT LOCATION	VOTING PRECINCT NUMBER	VOTING PRECINCT CURRENT LOCATION	VOTING PRECINCT TEMPORARY LOCATION
1	45	*St. Phillips Episcopal Church 5400 Canton Road Jackson, MS 39200	**McLeod Elementary School 1616 Sandlewood Place Jackson, MS 39211
<i>Precinct 45 is being combined with the Precinct McLeod. *Voters from St. Phillips will temporarily vote in the cafeteria at McLeod Elementary School. **Voters who normally vote at McLeod Elementary School will cast their votes in the Auditorium.</i>			
2	PN	Federation Towers 301 Federation Towers Drive Clinton, MS 39056	Sumner Hill Junior High School 400 W. Northside Drive Clinton, MS 39056
3	26	True Worship Ministry 5019 Clinton Boulevard Jackson, MS 39209	Fire Station 15 4943 Clinton Boulevard Jackson, MS 39209

All voters impacted by these changes will receive notification cards via US Postal Mail. Other measure begin taken to inform voters are:

- Signage at the current locations directing voters to the new temporary locations,
- Public Service Announcements and notices through local media, and
- Official Hinds County social media platforms.

MEASURES IMPLEMENTED DUE TO COVID-19 CONCERNS

The Hinds County Election Commission, with support from the Board of Supervisors and the Secretary of State, has implemented the following for the 2020 Presidential Election:

1. Each precinct will be provided with Lysol spray, hand sanitizer, and gloves.
2. Social distancing markers identifying 6 foot spacing will be placed in each precinct
3. The commission has ordered:
 - a. over 50k mask to be distributed to voters without masks at all 108 voting precincts,
 - b. twenty-five (25) additional voting machines have been ordered through the 2020 HAVA Fund for precincts that traditionally have larger turnouts,
 - c. additional tables and chairs to accommodate social distancing recommendations of 6 feet for poll works in each precinct,
 - d. disposable ink pens to allow one pen per voter when completing their ballot to address cross contamination concerns,
 - e. disposable towelettes for each voter to sanitizer their voter identification
4. Each poll worker will be provided with a face shield, courtesy of the Secretary of State
5. **Utilizing funds provided through the CARES Act, the commission is actively hiring an additional 125 paid poll workers, in addition to the 600 that have already been hired, to assist with cleaning and sanitizing the voting precincts and monitoring social distancing requirements.**

To become a poll worker, individuals MUST BE A REGISTERED VOTER IN HINDS COUNTY. Please call the Hinds County Election Commission at 601-968-6555 to inquire about paid poll worker opportunities.

VOTER PURGING

LEADING UP TO THE 2020 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, THE FINAL DATE THAT A VOTER COULD BE PURGED FROM THE ROLL WAS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5TH.

All Hinds County voters are encouraged to contact the Hinds County Election Commission @ 601-968-6555 if they:

- have moved and need to update their address
- need to confirm their voting precinct
- have any questions about the upcoming elections and the voting process

VOTER REGISTRATION

The *deadline* to register to vote and be eligible to cast a vote in the November Election is **October 5, 2020**. All individuals who are not registered to vote, are encouraged to register as soon as possible. A Mississippi Voter Registration Application can be downloaded from the Circuit Clerk's webpage at www.hindscountymys.com/elected-offices/circuit-clerk.

ABSENTEE VOTING

In accordance with State law, Hinds County voters are able to cast absentee ballots prior to the November election beginning September 21st and ending October 31st. Anyone who needs additional information can contact the Circuit Clerk's office at 601-968-6682.

About Hinds County

Hinds County Board of Supervisors is extremely proud of the improvements that are occurring in our great County. Hinds County has so much to offer approximately 245,000 residents and the hundreds of thousands of visitors we greet each year. We are home to the emerging revitalizing downtown district of the State's capital city to the charming and peaceful fields of the countryside. Our county has a rich southern history with a bright, diverse future and is an outstanding place to live, work, play and raise families.

Experience Hinds County for yourself and find out why we are *Absolutely, More Than Just a Place...!* Visit us at www.hindscountymys.com and connect with us **@hindscountymys on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. ###**