

# Coronavirus (COVID-19) Election Preparedness

The Sarasota County supervisor of elections is focused on protecting the health and safety of voters, poll workers and staff, while at the same time protecting your fundamental right to vote. Some of the measures we are taking to lessen the impact of Coronavirus on election day include the following:

- We have been in regular communication with the county's Department of Emergency Management, the Florida Division of Elections and other supervisors of elections, and plan to follow guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Florida Department of Health, to ensure a healthy voting environment.
- We are providing a supply of disinfecting wipes and hand sanitizer at polling places for poll workers to use throughout election day.
- We have directed poll workers and elections staff to follow good hand hygiene practices and wipe down poll books, marking devices, voting booths, hard surfaces and door handles in offices and polling places frequently and thoroughly.
- We have asked poll workers to notify us immediately if they experience symptoms of the virus or are unable to work and we are working closely with them to ensure that election day polling places are safe and adequately staffed.
- We have taken emergency action, as necessary, to move polling locations in 15 precincts to new locations for election day, March 17. For a complete list of relocated polling places, go to **SarasotaVotes.com**. If your precinct does not appear on the emergency relocations list, go to your regular polling place on election day.
- We encourage voters to practice good hand hygiene before and after going to the polls, avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth, and practice safe social distancing in the polling location.
- "Pickup" vote-by-mail ballots can be obtained at any of the three elections offices by voters (upon presentation of photo and signature ID), or their designees (upon presentation of written authorization by the elector and completion of an affidavit by the designee). Offices will be open for pick-up ballots from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through Monday, March 16 (including Saturday and Sunday March 14-15) and from 8:30 a.m. until 7 p.m. on election day, Tuesday, March 17.

We are continuing to monitor the situation and its impact on poll workers, voters, and staff. For more information call 941.861.8619 or visit **SarasotaVotes.com**.

