

Press Release from State:

After consultation with local election officials, the leadership of your state associations and the bipartisan legislative leadership of the General Assembly, Secretary Merrill and Governor Lamont have decided to postpone the April 28, 2020 Presidential Preference Primary to June 2, 2020. Secretary Merrill's most important concerns are allowing every Connecticut voter to make their voice heard in the selection of the presidential candidates, and ensuring that they are able to cast their ballots as safely as possible. Moving the primary date is a good first step, and will give you, our hard-working local election officials, more time to prepare. Changing an election date is not something we do lightly – it's a recognition of the severity and nature of this crisis, and more steps may be necessary to guarantee that every Connecticut voter has an opportunity to cast their ballot. This may include suspension of supervised balloting requirements and allowing more voters to vote using absentee ballots.

That means that our job as election officials is not over, it is just beginning. In the coming weeks we will continue to rely on each of you to provide valuable insight as we continue our uncharted journey towards June 2, 2020.

Finally, we have received many questions regarding the cancelation of our primary. We continue to monitor and work with our major parties to ensure that any candidate that has removed themselves from the race has provided appropriate notice to our office. To date we currently have the following candidates in the race: Biden and Sanders (D) and Trump and De La Fuente (R). Should additional candidates withdraw from the race we will keep you posted.

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