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Maryland Board of Elections Encourages Timely Return of Ballot Applications and Mail-In Ballots

ANNAPOLIS, MD (Aug. 12, 2020) -- The Maryland Board of Elections (the Board) released the following statement today.

“The U.S. Postal Service contacted the Board on July 31 regarding its operational capabilities for the 2020 General Election. In response, the Board has taken a series of actions to give Maryland voters additional time to mail in their ballot applications and ballots if they choose to vote by mail.

“The Board this month moved the deadline for voters to return their ballot applications up one week to Tuesday, Oct. 20 from Tuesday, Oct. 27. Additionally, ballot applications mailed to voters will include clear messaging encouraging them to return their applications early. The Board will also begin mailing ballots at least 30 days before Election Day and will use first class mail for both ballot applications and mail-in ballots.

“While voters' ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day, ballots are timely as long as they are received by Friday, Nov. 13 -- 10 days after Election Day.

“The Board continues to encourage all Marylanders to cast mail-in ballots as a precaution during the COVID-19 state of emergency and to do so in a timely manner.”

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