

# COVID19

## PREPAREDNESS

In response to the current Corona Virus Pandemic, the Gaines County Elections office is implementing several measures with regards to voter safety during the upcoming Democratic Runoff in July as well as the November General Election.

While voters, as of this time are still encouraged to practice social distancing, our office will be setting up hand sanitizing stations at each polling location for both early voting and election day. Everyone entering or exiting the polling locations are encouraged to use these stations as a precautionary measure to prevent the spread of COVID19.

Shield guards will be in place on the tables and voters will no longer share a stylus when signing the poll books, but will use a one-time use disposable stylus. Masks will be available for poll workers who need to offer one on one assistance.

In the event a voter feels vulnerable entering the polling places, curbside voting is always available as there is no criteria to receiving this service.

As a reminder, mail ballots will be available to those who qualify and request them. To qualify, a voter must be 65 or older, disabled or out of the county on Election Day. To receive an application, you may contact our office at 432-758-4041. We would be happy to help you with the process and answer any questions you might have. Often times during major elections, such as the upcoming Presidential Election in November, the parties themselves will mail out ballot applications to voters who have previously voted for a particular party. These forms are perfectly acceptable and while they don't come from our office, they do have our mail to information on them and will be processed by our office.

It is our greatest desire to provide a safe and welcoming environment to all of the voters of Gaines County as they exercise their right and privilege to cast their ballot unimpeded.