Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
on Primary and Spring Elections Postponement
as of March 31, 2020

Governor Cuomo has introduced two Executive Orders to postpone spring elections because of the outbreak of COVID-19 in New York State.

The Executive Orders are available to read on the Governor’s website

Here are some common questions that have been raised regarding the postponement of elections.

**Which elections have been postponed?**
The Executive Order consolidates the April 28th presidential primary and special elections (27th Congressional District, 12th Assembly District, 31st Assembly District, 136th Assembly District, and 50th Senate District) with the June 23rd state and congressional primary.

School board and village elections have also been postponed but these elections have not been scheduled. The Executive Order states that these elections must occur after June 1st.

We will continue to keep voters updated about election date changes in New York State.

**Did the registration dates change?**
May 29 is the last day to postmark a registration form for the June primary; it must be received by the board of elections by June 3. May 29 is the last day to register in person at your county board of elections.
For a voter who just want to vote in one of the Special Elections happening in NYC, or elsewhere, the deadline is June 13th.

**Did absentee voting change?**
The dates to apply for an absentee ballot have been changed to coincide with the dates of the June 23rd primary but the rules around voting via absentee have not changed.
June 16 is the last day to postmark application for the primary ballot. (Absentee ballot applications are available here: https://www.elections.ny.gov/VotingAbsentee.html) June 22 is the last day to apply in person for primary ballot at your county board of elections. June 22 is the last day to postmark ballot, it must be received by the county board of elections no later than June 30th. June 23 is the last day to deliver primary ballot in person to county board, by close of polls.

Voters must select one of the following reasons for requesting to vote be absentee:
- absence from county or New York City on election day
- temporary illness or physical disability
- permanent illness or physical disability
• duties related to primary care of one or more individuals who are ill or physically disabled
• resident or patient of a Veterans Health Administration Hospital
• detention in jail/prison, awaiting trial, awaiting action by a grand jury, or in prison for a conviction of a crime or offense which was not a felony

Your absentee ballot materials will be sent to you at least 32 days before federal, state, county, city or town elections in which you are eligible to vote. If you applied after this date, your ballot will be sent immediately after your completed and signed application is received and processed by your local board of elections.

**What if I already voted via absentee for the special elections and presidential primary?**
At this time the Executive Order does not address that question. Election officials are predicting that all absentee ballots will be preserved and counted in June, but we will have to wait for more guidance on this question.