

## COVID-19 Update: Voting and Election Changes

National	Date Changes	Notes
<b>Government Guidance: CDC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The CDC issued guidelines at the end of June that recommend offering alternative methods of voting, other than voting in-person on Election Day, along with extensive suggestions for how to better protect in-person voting. Read the CDC guidelines <a href="#">here</a>.</li> </ul>	
<b>Presidential Debates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Commission on Presidential Debates, the nonpartisan group that has been planning general election debates for decades, announced on July 27 that the University of Notre Dame was dropping out from hosting the first presidential debate, scheduled for September 29. Case Western Reserve University and Cleveland Clinic now will co-host the first debate.</li> <li>The Commission on Presidential Debates announced on June 23 that it would move the second presidential debate scheduled for October 15 to Miami, Fla., after the University of Michigan canceled it, citing safety concerns. Miami Mayor Francis Suarez says he will welcome the presidential debate moving to his city, but he has doubts about whether it can be held with an audience because of coronavirus.</li> </ul>	
<b>DNCC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>The Democratic National Convention Committee announced that the party's event will be completely virtual and that presumptive nominee Joe Biden will no longer travel to Milwaukee for his acceptance speech. The convention is planned to be entirely virtual with no one traveling to participate in events.</i></li> <li>The Democratic Convention is scheduled for August 17 to 20, and will be live from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. each evening, with one or more speakers appearing nightly from a swing state, including Wisconsin. The planned themes for each day are as follows – MONDAY: A United America; TUESDAY: Steady Leadership;</li> </ul>	

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	<p>WEDNESDAY: A Future for All; THURSDAY: A New American Promise. Almost all facets of the convention will be virtual, with Vice President Joe Biden accepting the Democratic nomination in Milwaukee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Democratic officials are instructing House and Senate members and party delegates to skip attending their national convention this summer. “We have been working closely with state and local public health officials, as well epidemiologists, and have come to the hard decision that members of Congress should not plan to travel to Milwaukee,” Chasseny Lewis, a senior adviser to the convention committee, wrote in an email to congressional aides. “No delegates will travel to Milwaukee and Caucus and Council meetings will take place virtually.”</li><li>• The Democratic National Committee (DNC) advanced on May 13 new rules to allow delegates to participate in the party’s nominating convention even if they do not attend the convention in person. The move is seen as the first step in creating a more limited in-person gathering or an entirely virtual event. The DNC’s full 447-person membership will vote by mail to adopt the resolution. The Democratic convention is currently scheduled for the week of August 17 in Milwaukee.</li><li>• The Democratic National Committee's Rules and Bylaws Committee met on May 12 to consider a resolution giving the convention team "maximum flexibility to plan a safe event that guarantees every delegate can accomplish their official business without putting their own health at risk," per a DNC memo. The DNC is acknowledging that COVID-19 may make it impossible to conduct the August convention in-person and, via this</li></ul>	
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	<p>memo, it is taking steps to allow virtual or socially distanced elements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moved to August 17</li> </ul>	
<b>DSCC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On June 8, The Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee (DSCC) launched a new online hub aimed at engaging with voters and candidates ahead of November's general elections. <a href="https://www.flipthesenate.com">FlipTheSenate.com</a> will help voters sign up for volunteer opportunities with campaigns, donate to races and learn about Democrats running in races, as well as their GOP opponents.</li> </ul>	
<b>RNC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>According to new reports from convention officials, Republican National Convention planners are considering the White House South Lawn as the site of President Trump's nationally televised nomination acceptance speech later this month.</i></li> <li>• President Trump announced in a WRAL interview that he will accept the Republican nomination in Charlotte.</li> <li>• President Trump held a coronavirus briefing on July 23, during which he announced he would cancel the Republican National Committee's convention plans in Jacksonville, Fla., in August. He said, "I told my team it's time to cancel the Jacksonville component of the GOP convention. I'll still do a convention speech in a different form, but we won't do a big crowded convention." Trump said the official nomination business will still take place in Charlotte, N.C.</li> <li>• Earlier in the week of July 13, Republican National Committee Chairwoman Ronna McDaniel says Republicans will limit attendance to delegates during the first three nights of four-night convention. When President Trump delivers his nomination acceptance speech on the convention's fourth night, Aug. 27, more people will be allowed to attend. Attendance that night</li> </ul>	

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	<p>will include delegates, a guest of their choosing and alternate delegates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sens. Mitt Romney, R-Utah; Susan Collins, R-Maine; Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska; Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa; and Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., all have announced that they will not attend the Republican National Convention in Florida in August.</li><li>• The City of Jacksonville, Fla., where the Republican National Convention is slated to be held in August, announced that it is instituting a city-wide mask order to stem the spread of coronavirus.</li><li>• On June 11, the Republican National Committee (RNC) officially picked Jacksonville, Fla., for the RNC’s keynote events.</li><li>• Jacksonville, Fla., has a “99 percent” chance of hosting the Republican National Convention's (RNC) keynote events after local and state officials made a case in behind-the-scenes negotiations that the city had enough hotel rooms to accommodate such a large event. “While no final decision has been made by the RNC we understand Jacksonville is a front runner,” Republican Party of Florida Chair Joe Gruters tweeted on June 10.</li><li>• The RNC's Executive Committee voted on June 3 to allow most of the convention to move — with only a smaller, official portion remaining in Charlotte — after North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper said the coronavirus pandemic would mean a scaled back event with social distancing and face coverings. The cities under consideration include Jacksonville, Phoenix, Dallas, Nashville, Atlanta and possibly New Orleans and Savannah.</li><li>• According to Politico, RNC officials are considering Nashville, Tenn., and other locations as potential sites for</li></ul>	
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	<p>the GOP convention. RNC staff is planning to make a trip to Nashville later during the week of June 1. Other locations RNC is investigating include: Las Vegas, Nev.; Orlando, Fla.; Jacksonville, Fla.; and Georgia. All of the prospective sites have directly expressed interest in hosting the convention, and party officials say it's likely they will visit several of them in the coming days. The GOP Convention is currently set to take place in Charlotte, N.C., August 24-27.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• On May 29, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services on behalf of Gov. Roy Cooper responded to the RNC's letter regarding logistics of the Republican National Convention scheduled to start in Charlotte on August 24. Read the letter <a href="#">here</a>.</li><li>• On May 28, RNC officials sent <a href="#">a letter</a> to North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper, detailing its safety guidelines for the convention. In the letter, the Host Committee outlines protocols the RNC plans to follow during the convention, including thermal scans, widespread sanitizing measures and daily health checks delivered via an app. The letter also asks Gov. Cooper to let the Committee know "if there are any additional guidelines to what is outlined above that we will be expected to meet" by June 3.</li><li>• On May 25, President Trump tweeted that he would move the 2020 Republican Convention if North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper doesn't make a call on whether Charlotte can accommodate the Republican National Convention this summer: "Plans are being made by many thousands of enthusiastic Republicans, and others, to head to beautiful North Carolina in August... They must be immediately given an answer by the Governor as to whether or not the space will be allowed to be fully occupied. If not, we will be reluctantly forced to find,</li></ul>	
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	with all of the jobs and economic development it brings, another Republican National Convention site.” The GOP convention is currently scheduled for August 24-27.	
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States	Date Changes	Local Changes	Notes
Alabama	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gov. Kay Ivey issued a proclamation <a href="#">allowing probate judges</a> to make adjustments to the state’s postponed primary runoff election scheduled for July 14. For example, judges could reduce the number of poll workers and train those workers remotely, in order to help reduce the risk of spreading the virus.</li> <li>Moved from March 31 to July 14.</li> </ul>		The primary run-off election was moved.
Alaska			
Arizona			
Arkansas			
California	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On June 3, Gov. Newsom ordered ballots to be mailed to all registered voters, early voting 3 days prior to the election and at least 1 voting location per 10,000 registered votes.</li> </ul>		
Colorado			
Connecticut	Moved from April 28 to June 2		
Delaware			
District of Columbia			
Florida			
Georgia	Moved to June 9		
Hawaii			
Idaho			
Illinois			
Indiana	Moved from May 5 to June 2		

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<b>Iowa</b>			
<b>Kansas</b>			
<b>Kentucky</b>	Moved from May 19 to June 23		
<b>Louisiana</b>	Moved from April 4 to June 20	Municipal elections moved from July 25 to August 15	
<b>Maine</b>			
<b>Maryland</b>	Moved from April 28 to June 2		
<b>Massachusetts</b>			
<b>Michigan</b>			
<b>Minnesota</b>			
<b>Mississippi</b>			
<b>Missouri</b>			
<b>Montana</b>			
<b>Nebraska</b>			
<b>Nevada</b>			
<b>New Hampshire</b>			
<b>New Jersey</b>			
<b>New Mexico</b>			
<b>New York</b>			
<b>North Carolina</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On June 2, Gov. Roy Cooper rejected the GOP's plans for a full-fledged convention in Charlotte, telling Republican officials the only way the convention would move forward is with proper health protocols in place.</li> </ul>		
<b>North Dakota</b>			
<b>Ohio</b>	Moved from March 17 to June 2		
<b>Oklahoma</b>			
<b>Oregon</b>			
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	Moved from April 28 to June 2		

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<b>Puerto Rico</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The primary elections for Puerto Rico are in the process of being moved to August 9, a date agreed upon by the political parties. The Senate has approved a resolution adopting the move and it is currently pending in the House of Representatives.</li> </ul>		
<b>Rhode Island</b>			
<b>South Carolina</b>			
<b>South Dakota</b>			
<b>Tennessee</b>			
<b>Texas</b>			
<b>Utah</b>			
<b>Vermont</b>			
<b>Virginia</b>			
<b>Washington</b>			
<b>West Virginia</b>	Moved from May 12 to June 9		
<b>Wisconsin</b>			
<b>Wyoming</b>			