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**SUBJECT: Primary Election Reminders for Voters**

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**Primary Election Reminders for Voters**

[Duluth, MN] In preparation for the upcoming primary election, the City of Duluth wants to share the following tips with voters to ensure a safe and successful election.

**Absentee Ballots**

If you have requested an absentee mail-in ballot, please submit your ballot as soon as possible. You can check your ballot status by visiting <https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/AbsenteeBallotStatus.aspx>. Ballots can be delivered to City Hall between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 8th and between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 10th. City Hall will also be open for early voting during these times.

On Election Day, ballots can be hand-delivered to City Hall until 3:00 p.m. Ballots cannot be returned to precincts.

Ballots that are post-marked on or before Election Day will be accepted until the close of business on August 13, 2020.

**Voting on Election Day**

If you choose to vote in-person, please expect delays due to health and safety measures put in place in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please be prepared to wait in line as needed to accommodate social distancing.

Masks are required in polling locations in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order 20-81. Disposable masks will also be available and provided to voters as needed.

The following additional health and safety protocols have been implemented by the City for Election Day:

- Election workers are required to wear face coverings, follow all physical distancing guidelines, and wash their hands regularly during their shifts.
- Masks will be provided to any voter who does not have one. If a voter is exempt from the executive order, election workers will offer curbside service, so the individual does not have to enter the building to vote.
- Polling places will be disinfected (all surfaces and any areas that a voter may touch).
- Clear entrance and exit lines will be established to allow for physical distancing and separation.
- Election workers will monitor the line to ensure that a 6-foot separation between voters is maintained.
- Pens will be controlled and disinfected. Voters can choose to bring their own pens as well.
- Hand sanitizer will be available for voters to use if they would like to. They will be encouraged to use it upon entering and exiting the voting room.

All-City of Duluth precincts will open at 7:00 a.m. on Election Day, and close at 8:00 p.m.

**New Precinct Locations due to COVID-19.**

Reminder for voters who reside in Precinct 17 – your new polling location is Washington Center (gymnasium), 310 North 1st Avenue West (previously Rainbow Senior Center). For voters who reside in Precinct 29 – your new polling location is St. James Catholic Church (gymnasium), 517 North 57th Avenue West (previously Faith Haven).

If you are new to Duluth or voting for the first time, please visit <https://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/> to find your polling location before you go vote.

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