

WEEK IN BRIEF



UNIFORM COLLECTION OF WAIT-TIME DATA

County Clerks are required to collect wait-time data on Election Day during any state-wide election (HB 19-1278). To collect uniform data across the state, election judges must measure the check-in line length every hour, on the top of the hour. It is essential that your judges collect this data at these given times to provide an accurate average wait-time at each VSPC.

Please see the attached document for further information and how to submit your county's data. Contact Sarah.Murr@ColoradoSOS.gov if you have any questions.

Elections Certification



County clerks and election staff members continue to make progress in completing the courses required of election official recertification.

This week's shout out goes to Jefferson County whose certified election officials have completed their recertifications before this year's deadline of August 1st.

EARLY APPROVAL OF MAIL BALLOT ENVELOPES FOR GENERAL ELECTION

Colorado's two largest ballot printing vendors – Runbeck Election Services and K&H Printing – want counties to submit their envelope orders by July 11th due to continuing supply chain problems in the paper manufacturing industry. To facilitate that timing, counties may separately submit envelope artwork for approval by the Secretary of State's Office before filing their full Election Plans.

If your county is interested in this option, please submit all required envelope artwork by email to mail.ballot.plans@coloradosos.gov no later than 5 pm on Friday, July 8th, in order to obtain SOS approval by July 11th.

Counties using other print vendors should contact them to ascertain whether they also want or need envelope orders for the 2022 General Election earlier than usual.

SECURITY BEST PRACTICES REMINDER

It is recommended that during the election period counties periodically continue to check that Wi-Fi is disabled on all components of their voting system with Wi-Fi capability if possible. A guide on how to check Wi-Fi is disabled on components of the Dominion Democracy Suite System is attached to this newsletter.

It is also recommended that counties confirm that their video surveillance systems are properly working and storing the required footage.



The next County Support Call is Monday, June 27th, 2022. The County Support Call distribution list is available on the [Clerks Corner](#). To add or delete individuals from your county to the distribution list, please email SCORE.CustomerSupport@coloradosos.gov



Questions Comments Concerns?
Please email SCORE Customer Support at
SCORE.CustomerSupport@coloradosos.gov

ELECTION DAY - CONTACTING SCORE FOR URGENT ISSUES

SCORE will have a Zoom Session open for your convenience election day 6:30am – Closing of last open VSPC (around 8:00pm most likely). The Zoom meeting is for reporting Urgent system issues.




Customer support email will be monitored for all other questions and non-system issues. If it is not urgent, please continue to email SCORE at SCORE.CustomerSupport@ColoradoSOS.gov.

Zoom invitation will be sent out Monday morning.






DEFER DATA ENTRY, RECOMMENDED REPORTS AND CLOSE ELECTION CHECKLIST

Beginning the day after Election Day and continuing until CDOS announces that data entry can resume statewide, users are required to STOP (defer) all data entry, except for Provisional ballots and administrative/balancing reasons. Deferred data entry includes NCOA file(s); CDOC, CDPHE, and ERIC Deceased cancellations; Online Withdrawals; New registrations; Updates to existing registrations; and Proofing previous data entry.

The last day to complete the canvass for the Primary Election is Wednesday, July 20th. Attached are important documents for after Election Day. Please review and share these attached documents with the appropriate staff.

-  SCORE Defer Data Entry and Other Important Reminders
-  SCORE Reports and Custom Extract Quick Reference Guide
-  Mail Ballot Post History & Close Election Checklist (REQUIRED TO FOLLOW)

“SCORE Defer Data Entry and Other Important Reminders” includes important information regarding:

-  How to ensure you can balance your election
-  Post-election ePollbook access
-  Reports
-  Remove user access
-  Voter Merge

ALL ELECTIONS MUST BE CLOSED IN SCORE NO LATER THAN 4:00PM, WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2022

Q & A - MAJOR PARTY BALLOT vs PACKET BALLOT

Voter Affiliated with a Major Party and was sent the Major Party Ballot, changed to Unaffiliated by the deadline and mailed a Ballot Packet. The voter returned their Voided Major Party Ballot.

Determination from legal:

In this situation, Unvoid and Accept the first ballot back as long as that ballot is one that the voter can legally cast (if they were issued a packet then both party ballots were included so either party ballot may be considered legally cast).

Examples for guidance:

1. Voter was a Democrat (or Republican) and Unaffiliated by the 22nd day. They have returned their Affiliated ballot and envelope. Accept the ballot this voter cast as their first ballot back, despite the fact that they were issued a packet.
2. Voter was Unaffiliated and became a Democrat by the 22nd day. They have returned a ballot for the Republican party. Void that ballot as Voted Wrong Party. Do not count that ballot. This voter is a Democrat for this primary so they cannot legally cast a Republican party ballot.
3. Voter was Unaffiliated and became a Democrat by the 22nd day. They have returned a ballot for the Democratic party from their Unaffiliated Packet. Accept that ballot as first ballot back. As a Democrat, this voter was allowed to cast a vote in that party's primary and they have done so, even though the ballot came from the Unaffiliated Packet.
4. Voter was a Democrat and Unaffiliated by the 22nd day. They have returned their Democratic ballot, but it's blank. Accept the ballot this voter cast as their first ballot back, despite no votes cast.
5. Voter was Unaffiliated or Major Party and became a Third Party member by 22nd day. Reject any ballot they return as voted wrong party.