

April 28, 2020

Dear Montrose County Voter,

As we continue to adapt and strengthen ourselves through the recent events of COVID-19, it is important to know we are all in this TOGETHER.

Montrose County Elections will continue to ensure that your vote is counted. As states throughout the country scramble to figure out the mail ballot process, know that Colorado has been a leader in mail ballot elections since 2013 when it became state law that all registered, active voters receive a ballot in the mail.

In the 2020 March Presidential Primary Election, 98% of all votes cast from Montrose County voters were received by mail ballots. For the upcoming June 30<sup>th</sup> Primary Election, the Secretary of State may require that we eliminate all of our Voter Service and Polling Centers (VSPC) for in-person voting. If they require us to close our VSPC, we will be prepared to comply with their instructions.

In order for Montrose County to have a successful election, it will require responsibility and diligence from everyone involved, including all of its 29,400+ registered voters. We want to ensure everyone receives their ballot in the mail and is given the opportunity to participate in the election process. Please take the following actions to ensure you receive your ballot in a timely manner.

- Go to [www.govotecolorado.gov](http://www.govotecolorado.gov) to register to vote, check the status of your voter record and/or make any necessary changes that may be needed.
  - Once on the site, click “Find my Registration” to get started.
  - Make sure your registration status is ACTIVE. Inactive voters are eligible to vote, but will not automatically receive a ballot in the mail. Contact our office for clarification.
  - Check your registration address. Most people will receive their ballot at their place of residence. If you plan to be out of town or will not be at your place of residence when ballots are mailed, update your mailing address so you receive your ballot at your location.
  - **IMPORTANT:** Ballots are NOT forwardable. If you have a forwarding address with the USPS, your ballot will be returned to our office as undeliverable.
  - Remove a mailing address if it is no longer valid or has expired.
  - Check your Party Affiliation to make sure you receive the correct ballot style. For PRIMARY elections, such as the upcoming June Election, you will only be able to vote on *your* party’s ballot. Unaffiliated voters will receive both major party ballots if you have not selected a party preference, however, you will only be eligible to vote one (1).
  - **IMPORTANT:** Make any necessary changes as soon as you are able, it may be too late for you to change your affiliation by the time you receive your ballot.
- Visit [www.montrosecounty.net/elections](http://www.montrosecounty.net/elections) periodically for upcoming important election dates and information.
- Please contact our office by one of the following methods if you have ANY questions.
  - Phone: 970-249-3362 ext. 3
  - Email: [elections@montrosecounty.net](mailto:elections@montrosecounty.net)
  - Mail: 320 South 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Room 103, Montrose, CO 81401

Together we will continue to show the rest of the country how mail ballot elections are successfully conducted. Together we live, together we survive, and together we vote!

Thank you,

Montrose County Elections Team

Tressa Guynes, Clerk & Recorder