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It is our mission to ensure the integrity of Boone County elections and the safety of all of our voters and election judges. We've been working through contingency plans and available options to ensure that every eligible voter is able to cast a ballot while following the recommendations of the CDC with regard to COVID-19.

To that end, the Boone County Clerk's Office has joined with 45 counties in the Western Appellate District of Missouri to petition the court to move the April 7, 2020 election to June 2, 2020. This petition will be filed with the court this week and we expect to receive a decision soon after.

We will be asking the court to allow us to hold the physical election on Tuesday, June 2 with all of the same information and ballots and rules – just as if the election were being held on April 7. If approved, we intend to continue absentee voting throughout the weeks leading up to June 2 – and the last day to request a ballot be mailed would be Wednesday, May 20. As soon as we know the details of what the court approves or not, we will let you know right away.

As it stands, we are doing our best to continue to work toward an April 7 election just in case this is not approved. Voters that want to request an absentee ballot can still do so until March 25th by filling out an application on our website (vote.boonemo.org) or printing and mailing back an application. Please note that voters must have their ballot notarized unless they are voting absentee due to "incapacity or confinement due to illness or physical disability, including a person who is primarily responsible for the physical care of a person who is incapacitated or confined due to illness or disability."

In-person absentee voting is also available through April 9th in our office. We are routinely cleaning our office surfaces, pens, and voting equipment, and utilize hand sanitizer at each workstation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out at clerk@boonecountymo.org or 573-886-4375.

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