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**PASSAIC COUNTY CLERK DANIELLE IRELAND-IMHOF  
ANNOUNCES UPDATES REGARDING THE 2020 PRIMARY  
ELECTION**

**Paterson, NJ** – Clerk Danielle Ireland-Imhof advises residents throughout Passaic County that on April 8, 2020 New Jersey Governor Philip Murphy signed Executive Order No. 120 which changes the date of New Jersey’s 2020 Primary Election from Tuesday, June 2, 2020 to Tuesday, July 7, 2020. This executive order furthers the continuation of ensuring voters maintain their constitutional right to vote while keeping public health a priority during the COVID-19 public health crisis.

Specific changes included in Executive Order No. 120 are as follows:

- All deadlines for meeting statutory requirements for the Primary Election will now be calculated using the new Primary Election Day date of July 7, 2020. However, any statutory deadlines that occur before April 11, 2020 will remain as originally scheduled. Visit <https://nj.gov/state/elections/election-information-2020.shtml> and scroll down for the “2020 Primary Election Timeline” in the “Chronological Election Timelines” section of the webpage to see the updated timelines.
- The deadline for Independent Candidates to submit petitions for direct nomination for the November 2020 General Election is now July 7, 2020 by 4:00PM. While not mandatory, candidates have the temporary option to collect electronic petition signatures and submit their petition electronically in an effort to limit unnecessary person-to-person contact. The online petition form, created by the New Jersey Secretary of State, and its instructions, are available at: <https://nj.gov/state/elections/candidate-information.shtml>.

Independent Candidates for municipal office must still submit their petition to the municipal clerk, Independent Candidates for county office must still submit their petition to the County Clerk’s Office and Independent Candidates for state and federal offices must submit their petition to the New Jersey Secretary of State’s Office. The electronic signature and submission requirements set forth in paragraphs 1 through 5 of Governor Murphy’s Executive Order No. 105 (2020) are extended and will apply to Independent Candidates submitting petitions on July 7, 2020. Independent Candidates for county level office can submit their

petitions to the Passaic County Clerk by mail or hand-delivery. There is a drop-off box where petitions in sealed envelopes can be left in the lobby of Room 130 of 401 Grand Street, Paterson, New Jersey, 07505 Monday through Friday between 8:30AM and 4:30PM.

Additionally, Clerk Ireland-Imhof reminds residents of the following information in light of the rescheduled 2020 Primary Election:

- The Nomination Petition Filing Deadline of March 30, 2020 stands and will not be extended.
- Drawings conducted by County Clerks and Municipal Clerks for ballot positions for Primary Election candidates will remain on Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 3:00PM. Please refer to the Press Release issued by Clerk Ireland-Imhof's office on April 7, 2020 regarding the Passaic County Clerk's Office ballot drawing for the 2020 Primary Elections.
- The deadline to submit a Change of Party Affiliation Declaration Form is moved from April 8, 2020 to May 13, 2020. To change or declare your party affiliation, visit: <https://www.state.nj.us/state/elections/assets/pdf/forms-party-affiliation/party-affiliation-form.pdf>, print the form and follow the instructions to properly complete your form then submit it to the Passaic County Superintendent of Elections/Commissioner of Registration at 501 River Street, Paterson, New Jersey 07524.
- The voter registration deadline is 21 days before any election. For the 2020 Primary Election, the voter registration deadline is now June 16, 2020. To register to vote, please visit <https://nj.gov/state/elections/voter-registration.shtml>, print the form for Passaic County and follow the instructions to properly complete and submit your form to the Passaic County Superintendent of Elections/Commissioner of Registration at 501 River Street, Paterson, New Jersey 07524.
- The deadline to apply for a Vote-By-Mail ballot by mail is June 30, 2020. Voters can also apply in-person by July 6, 2020 at 3:00PM at Clerk Ireland-Imhof's office. Vote-By-Mail applications can be found at [www.passaiccountyclerk.org](http://www.passaiccountyclerk.org). Print and follow the instructions to properly complete the form, then submit it to the County Clerk's Elections Division by mail or hand-delivery.

Governor Murphy's executive order calls for the July 7, 2020 Primary Election to allow for in-person voting at the polling locations. However, if the Governor announces any further changes to the 2020 Primary Election, details regarding such will be shared by Clerk Ireland-Imhof.

Additional information, updates or announcements will be posted at [www.passaiccountyclerk.org](http://www.passaiccountyclerk.org). Please direct questions to the Elections Division of the Passaic County Clerk's Office at (973) 881-4127.

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