

14:04:17 From Liz Tentarelli : Nice to see Mr. Scanlan in the hallowed halls of the state house again.

14:13:13 From Louise Spencer : Another reason to make sure that we have access to the \$15 million in unspent HAVA funds.

14:16:02 From Thaire : Would face shields and N95 masks work as well as sneeze guards and N95's? We also need gloves.

14:18:05 From Louise Spencer : Are poll observers being included in PPE numbers calculations?

14:19:41 From bonniewinonamackinnon : In the towns with selectman form of government, the clerk does not hire or even know how many poll workers there are. Its a moderator arena. The city clerks are yes responsible for that...but not the town clerks

14:19:44 From Chuck Mitchell : The moderators are more responsible for the staffing at the polls than the clerks.

14:19:48 From Judy Krassowski : Face shields can be acquired locally through schools/libraries with 3D printers; I, as well as other southern tier NH high schools have already supplied DH and the Elliot with many face shields and continue to do so - if needed, we could do that for polls

14:20:25 From Thaire : We should make the same equipment we give our poll workers available to Poll Observers. Would also need at least masks for those voters who arrive with none. But we can't make masks a requirement to vote.

14:21:00 From Kathy Seaver : It is definitely a mixture of Town Clerk and Moderator. In many towns, moderators leave it to the clerk to find the numbers and the moderator assigns them. I think that the majority of the clerks would know how many workers are needed.

14:21:04 From DEE ANN DECKER : Please remember Supervisors appoint their own assistants so they would need to be consulted to know the numbers of staff

14:21:34 From Judy Krassowski : I'm just mentioning that about face shields should there be a short supply need, instead of plexiglass

14:21:51 From Vicky Turner : aww. I wanted a gown.

14:21:59 From Katy Cutshall : I don't think golf pencils work with voting machines. Do they?

14:22:05 From John Lisle, Moderator, Nashua Ward 8 : Face Shields needed for Ballot clerks

14:22:38 From Christine Seibert : The visibility that goes on outside by campaigns

14:22:52 From Jeff Silvestro : #2 pencils will work with NH voting machines, however pens are a better option.

14:22:55 From Christine Seibert : Have we discussed this at all

14:23:05 From Judy Strakalaitis : Not everyone working at the polls need the same level of PPE. Some do not have interaction with voters or have little contact. Others have close contact with a voter for 5-10 minutes and a deal with a new voter every 5-10 minutes for 13 hours.

14:23:30 From Kyri : Do you think supervisors need gowns as well as masks, gloves, face shields?

14:24:03 From DEE ANN DECKER : Kyri - YES!!!

14:24:06 From Christine Seibert : the ones that have to take the id's need a barrier so they do not have to, but if they cannot see up close they would need to be able to change gloves out between each use

14:24:18 From Kyri : Barriers, too.

14:24:57 From Christine Seibert : the poker chips too.

14:25:20 From Judy Strakalaitis : We also have pollworkers who work shifts as short as few hours. So the amt needed for that ballot clerk slot will be increased, ie fresh PPE is needed when personnel change even it wouldn't require a change for one person working a longer stretch.

14:27:53 From Louise Spencer : it seems important to notify towns sooner and later that the plan is to do this centrally so that they are not duplicating efforts.

14:28:10 From Louise Spencer : ^sooner later than

14:28:41 From Paul Inderbitzen : Masks will be mandatory if the Selectmen make wearing one in Town buildings. The alternative is to submit an absentee ballot.

14:28:42 From Thaire : A webcam and a laptop could be used to allow voter to show ID while maintaining correct social distance from the Ballot Clerk.

14:28:45 From Melissa Sorcinelli : It may also make a difference in terms of getting some poll workers to agree to work if they know there will be PPE available. Many are older.

14:29:15 From Judy Strakalaitis : How can we come up with numbers before we understand what the modifications will be? How do local officials estimate how many people will come to the polls at this point. It depends on what SOS decides on to mitigate the risks re procedure changes, suspension of laws. Let allow how do we estimate the state of the pandemic in Sept or Nov, and anticipate how many people will choose to vote absentee.

14:29:30 From Kyri : Can we put Perry in charge of the election website? He makes everything sound doable.

14:29:46 From Melissa Sorcinelli : My concern is poll workers not wanting to work due to COVID concerns. This could be a significant issue for many towns, especially mine.

14:29:46 From Thaire : Wouldn't requiring masks to vote be an AG call?

14:30:05 From Louise Spencer : Does Homeland security provide disinfectant, handsanitizers, wipes etc in addition to PPE?

14:30:06 From Vicky Turner : I like Thaire's webcam/laptop idea. Supervisors need to minimize contact with objects

14:30:16 From Christine Seibert : I was at Michaels the other day and someone refused to use a mask and even take a free one to wear. What do we do if this happens at the polls so legally we are not taking away anyones right to vote

14:30:25 From Liz Tentarelli : I can't imagine it would be legal to require the voters to wear masks.

14:30:41 From Christine Seibert : Unless the governor issues an order

14:32:21 From Judy Strakalaitis : Pollworkers do not have ready access to running water. Supervisors cannot go wash hands between each person registering. The new party affidavit at check-in creates increased risks and new exchanges between election workers and the public that did not exist before. We need to have a plan finalized so we can estimate needs. This EO changed PPE needed substantially for a substantial new category of pollworkers.

14:32:23 From Thaire : Length of exposure is something to remember. Poll Workers inside all day need the best mask available. A voter in for 10-15 minutes can get away with home made or drugstore type.

14:32:41 From Kyri : We need protection for the wearer/poll worker as we have to be interacting with people all day.

14:33:12 From Kyri : Thank you Senator Sherman.

14:33:36 From Judy Strakalaitis : We need a health expert to look at election operations to identify risk points and mitigation.

14:33:44 From Kyri : Yes, Judy.

14:35:22 From Louise Spencer : Agree Judy S...Very good point

14:35:37 From Darryl Perry : you can get KN-95's for closer to \$2/each

14:36:34 From Judy Strakalaitis : Very concerned our regular volunteers will not be willing to work. Those who are unlikely to be comfortable wearing protective masks for 14-15 hours at a stretch. If they will do it for a shorter time period, we need to recruit many more people. I am pessimistic whether we can get sufficient assistant supervisors to register 2800 people we expect to come to the registration table in November.

14:37:06 From Kyri : There's a man in Bow who makes face shields now.

14:37:39 From Christine Seibert : The n95 doesn't fog your glasses like the run of the mill ones

14:38:26 From Thaire : Have to take into consideration the length of time our workers will be in a small space.

14:39:06 From Vicky Turner : Mods/TCs need to survey poll-workers soon to get an idea of how many poll-workers need to be hired to replace poll-workers who don't want to work

14:39:16 From Louise Spencer : Could there be an alternative location or option created for those who cannot or will not wear masks? Can one person be designated at each polling place to wear more comprehensive PPE (gowns, tyvek, etc.) if needed to deal with non-mask wearing person or a person with a fever?

14:39:53 From DEE ANN DECKER : Thing ha.

14:41:24 From Louise Spencer : Thank you to your daughter, Dr. Sherman, for her dedication and persistence!

14:41:35 From Christine Seibert :
https://dynaimage.cdn.cnn.com/cnn/q_auto,w_1100,c_fill,g_auto,h_619,ar_16:9/http%3A%2F%2Fcdn.cnn.com%2Fcontent%2Fdam%2Fassets%2F200518135030-01-ocean-city-md-bumper-t-ables-grab.jpg

14:42:16 From Melanie Levesque : Many voters will wear their own masks Is that allowed or must it be state issued?

14:43:35 From Thaire : How do we help the voters to understand that it is in everyone's interest to take advantage of being able to vote Absentee in these two upcoming elections?

14:44:45 From Kyri : This is why there needs to be a very good coordinated public education campaign.

14:45:26 From Christine Seibert : We have to be careful with gloves, I have tried to quit touching my face it is hard.

14:45:54 From Melanie Levesque : Thanks Chairman Cook and Senator Sherman!

14:46:00 From Kyri : I find it easier to use my bare hands and use a lot of hand sanitizer until I can wash.

14:46:01 From Christine Seibert : I agree the issue is the poll workers will be there for such prolonged time periods that raises their risk.

14:46:18 From Christine Seibert : Yup, I second Kyri

14:46:45 From Judy Strakalaitis : The people who object to masks as an infringement of their rights are the ones who are least likely to wear masks or take precautions. Confrontational people will put others at increased risk.

14:46:52 From Kyri : A lot of public places have been closing their

restrooms. That's an issue too.

14:47:44 From Louise Spencer : There may be people showing up who are not party observers.

14:48:00 From Christine Seibert : PPE can be hard to find sometimes, I believe most people will bring their own

14:48:03 From Liz Tentarelli : There is nothing in election law requiring restrooms be available. Let's not make things harder than they need to be.

14:48:13 From Judy Strakalaitis : Very impressed with Senator Sherman's expertise and the initiatives of his niece!

14:48:18 From Vicky Nawoichyk : What are we doing to sanitize all surfaces after a voter uses a polling booth

14:48:48 From Christine Seibert : Last thing I heard the airlines are not requiring masks

14:48:50 From Kyri : The poll workers are there all day. We need the restrooms and we will have to have disinfectant to use in the restrooms.

14:49:01 From Judy Strakalaitis : With long lines exacerbated by social distancing, if that is possible, will absolutely require access to restrooms.

14:49:03 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Liz, all the poll workers will need to use the bathroom so it is a concern as will many voters need it if they are waiting long periods of time

14:49:06 From Jean Lightfoot : Can you ask those people to vote absentee?

14:49:14 From Liz Tentarelli : Yes, for the poll workers use the bathrooms. The voters can "hold it" as my mama would say.

14:49:47 From Sam Rounds : you can't prevent anyone from voting,

14:49:59 From Christine Seibert : People could also use that as an excuse to disrupt voting

14:50:21 From Judy Strakalaitis : I bet ADA-compliant restrooms are required by statutes. Is it on AG checklist for polling places?

14:50:28 From Jean Lightfoot : Everyone who is qualified must be allowed to vote.

14:50:30 From Christine Seibert : If it makes others feel unsafe that are high risk...

14:51:08 From Christine Seibert : what if they start licking everything like that guy at the grocery store they arrested.

14:51:16 From Judy Strakalaitis : Lines at my polling place were several hours long.

14:51:55 From Hollister Bundy : Headset covers for electronic voting machines

14:52:01 From Kyri : Are these lists and memos posted on the website?

14:53:16 From Ron Goggans : new signage to account for changes in traffic flow and process?

14:54:57 From Kyri : We'll be happy to help the committee with anything.

14:55:11 From Kyri : Election officials, that is.

14:55:32 From Judy Strakalaitis : Not sure if the AGO Checklist is available on SOS site or if it is easy to find. It may be in the Election Procedure Manual, which is online. It is available to election officials who have access to Electionet. Moderators and select boards, who decide on polling place locations, do not have access to electionet but can find it in EPM.

14:55:51 From Vicky Turner : EAC doc on drop boxes:

https://www.eac.gov/sites/default/files/electionofficials/vbm/Ballot_Drop-Box.pdf

14:56:35 From Judy Strakalaitis : Suggested many times in as many ways as possible that election officials need a formal role in reviewing recommendations to make sure they are comprehensive and effective.

14:56:40 From Vicky Turner : communication and outreach:
https://www.eac.gov/sites/default/files/electionofficials/vbm/Election_Education_Outreach_041720.pdf

14:57:01 From Vicky Nawoichyk : some of our locations do not have tech to offer that

14:57:09 From Judy Strakalaitis : I suggested webcams for registration documents for months. But we have no way of providing formal input.

14:57:23 From Christine Seibert : Since less folks are in their cars these days for long periods of time could we use the emergency alert system

14:58:04 From Christine Seibert : on all the tv and radio stations. we never use it for anything else except testing.

14:58:13 From Kyri : Remember the HAVA funds should be tapped if needed. This is an emergency.

14:58:59 From Melanie Levesque : Good idea Christine. Many towns use Code Red (Reverse 911) which can send messages to all people in the state.

14:59:56 From Christine Seibert : what is the likelihood the schools will be in come september and november

14:59:59 From Kyri : Spaces will need to be cleaned before and after.

15:00:00 From Louise Spencer : Is there additional staffing that may be needed: supplemental poll workers, cleaners, security, etc. What will the cost be for this?

15:01:00 From Judy Strakalaitis : The EO last Thursday does not provide relief for the majority of people who cannot change parties before June 2 because of the SOE. It provides a new form to be used to change party before voting only if the voter goes to it. Most people concerned about covid will vote absentee. The incomplete approach of the EO underscores the need to include review by election officials before recommendations go to SOS or governor and are announced. Better to address oversights and flaws in a pro-active way.

15:01:09 From Kyri : I'm so relieved this committee is taking the question of PPE for election officials and poll workers seriously.

15:01:19 From Christine Seibert : actually the september election is day after labor day so that might not be an issue, but i disagree with the shape our schools are in to downshift the costs and responsibility to the cities and towns for cleaning. they are already strapped enough

15:02:34 From Louise Spencer : if people go from gallery view to speaker view you can see better.

15:02:54 From Kyri : Surgical masks are not sufficient.

15:03:50 From Kyri : We just heard that.

15:04:50 From Vicky Nawoichyk : N95 is needed

15:05:34 From Paul Inderbitzen : Please, surgical masks ARE sufficient if used correctly. If they protect you when the surgeon opens you up, is is good enough for any wearer.

15:06:02 From Kyri : There was a whole discussion 1/2 hour ago about how they are insufficient.

15:06:45 From Judy Strakalaitis : Thanks, Kyri and Vicky.

15:07:46 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Paul, We will be wearing these all day.so surgical masks are not sufficient. Particularly for those over 65 & have health

issues

15:08:18 From Kyri : The issue is that poll workers must wear masks that protect them from others. Surgical masks do not do that.

15:08:36 From Kyri : Surgical masks protect others from you.

15:08:49 From Christine Seibert : The time length is the huge issue

15:09:01 From Judy Strakalaitis : Thanks for the explanation.

15:09:21 From Louise Spencer : Paul surgical masks are designed for large droplet and splash protection. They provide some protection to the patient against respiratory droplets but little if none to the wearer.

15:09:25 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Mr cook your camera is on your desk we no longer see you

15:09:55 From Judy Strakalaitis : Yes Christine. The 20 hour election days I have now are better than my 24-hour stint at the 2012 presidential election.

15:10:31 From Judy Strakalaitis : Louise, thanks for pointing that out again. I missed the specifics earlier.

15:10:36 From Vicky Nawoichyk : We will need sanitation of all the sneeze guards too

15:10:50 From Christine Seibert : hey i was reading that boat magazine

15:10:58 From ab : Are these shields rentable

15:10:59 From Judy Strakalaitis : Haha.

15:12:14 From Christine Seibert : You can use plexiglass also

15:12:42 From Vicky Nawoichyk : CAN those be secured to the tables?

15:12:45 From Judy Strakalaitis : Shields are a huge help. Will polling places have adequate ventilation though? In September outside doors can be opened but access blocked. November will be another story.

15:13:38 From Judy Strakalaitis : Good point, Vicky. If they fall over frequently and we must handled them to set them back up, that creates exposure.

15:14:27 From Judy Strakalaitis : Derry uses crime-scene caution tape to rope off areas or direct flow.

15:14:45 From Christine Seibert : At least in regards to my polling location in Ward 1 Manchester, we will have to get rid of the cramped booths with the CURTAINS

15:16:01 From Judy Strakalaitis : Glad to hear Jeff addressing this. I heard anecdotal reports but had no idea of the extent.

15:16:16 From Hollister Bundy : Actually there are "social distancing wings" that can be added to the booths to space voters

15:16:44 From Vicky Nawoichyk : What about kids in the polling place?

15:17:04 From Vicky Nawoichyk : How will that be managed?

15:17:31 From bonniewinonamackinnon : The cover virus does not last for more than a few days...why not buy a proper pen for every voter and collect them in a bucket or barrel, and save them for the next election at which time they should be virus free !

15:18:10 From Vicky Nawoichyk : That would increase the cost of mailing in & Back

15:18:17 From Judy Strakalaitis : Jeff, good input re pencils and potential for damage. Pencils seemed like an easy modification. Appreciate your expertise.

15:18:59 From Vicky Nawoichyk : There is no guarantee the voter will send it back unfolded

15:19:13 From Judy Strakalaitis : Good question, Kate Hanna.

15:19:18 From Christine Seibert : Yeah we would need to know what the ballots will look for from area to area

15:20:09 From Christine Seibert : What about two pages. I like the two sided but folks might forget and candidates will not be happy.

15:20:13 From Judy Strakalaitis : No Vicky but most would be returned in the larger envelope unfolded. And that'd improve efficiency of feeding abs ballots into the machine.

15:21:31 From ab : one fold in ballot is better than accordion fold!!!!

15:21:57 From Christine Seibert : Like a toilet seat cover

15:22:02 From Judy Strakalaitis : So pleased committee is hearing testimony from LHS. Jeff's expertise helps narrow options for voting and counting modifications.

15:22:04 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Who will be managing those changes?

15:22:28 From Judy Strakalaitis : Yes, AB. Good point.

15:23:16 From Christine Seibert : Sanitizer dries quick and the issues on that does not solve is airborne particles, including on the walls of booths

15:24:10 From Judy Strakalaitis : Jeff just explained issues with sanitizer making ballots unreadable and harming machines. Another reason to encourage abs voting.

15:24:15 From Kyri : This meeting is very informative and productive.

15:24:36 From Hollister Bundy : yes and you need different wipes for booths and machines.... that's why there are two types in our kit.....

15:24:45 From Judy Strakalaitis : Right! Informed, concrete discussions.

15:25:11 From Judy Strakalaitis : Thanks for your testimony, Hollister.

15:25:44 From bonniewinonamackinnon : The booths are closed spaces, relatively speaking, and seem to be ideal for potentially harboring virus containing breath. Just breathing can put it into the atmosphere. Videos show it can hang in the air for quite a long time.

15:26:08 From Kyri : That's a good reason for voters to wear masks

15:28:27 From Christine Seibert : thank you bonnie

15:28:32 From Darryl Perry : on the Absentee ballot application; I'd suggest rewording "I fear that voting in person on the day of the election may expose myself or others to an unacceptable risk of contracting COVID-19." to say "I am concerned that voting in person on the day of the election may expose myself or others to an unacceptable risk of contracting COVID-19."

15:28:52 From Judy Strakalaitis : Bonnie, I agree. I anticipated issues with the town and school district having sufficient tables available for registration needs alone. Otherwise I would suggest using tables and the cardboard privacy screens for voting to decrease exposure risk with booths and space people further apart.

15:29:13 From Vicky Nawoichyk : plus we will be faced with the flu as well

15:29:16 From Christine Seibert : even with masks the setup needs to be different and a bit more spaces out with no one behind the voters who are filling out ballots

15:29:31 From Judy Strakalaitis : Darryl, "contracting or spreading"

15:30:21 From Judy Strakalaitis : I do not see how we can accommodate more than a small volume of in-person voters safely.

15:31:15 From Darryl Perry : Judy, I only changed "fear" to "am concerned"; I think you're suggestion is good!

15:32:13 From Darryl Perry : *suggestion

15:32:17 From Judy Strakalaitis : Could AVS be made available at town hall for a period before elections to allow those with vision impairment etc to schedule an appt to vote there. It eliminates the need for them to vote in person at the polls and face greater risk. Do AVS come from SOS or to towns already have them?

15:33:08 From Judy Strakalaitis : I see, Darryl. Chat moves fast. I agree "fear" is a more loaded word.

15:33:19 From Louise Spencer : Thank you Mr. Van Loan for laying those assumptions out so clearly.

15:33:19 From Christine Seibert : i think the best thing to do is assume the worst. Have enough and over order.

15:33:33 From Christine Seibert : I wish things could be different

15:33:59 From Judy Strakalaitis : Appreciate the specificity in Gene's ideas.

15:34:24 From Vicky Nawoichyk : If we have too much in September we will have it for November.

15:35:42 From Judy Strakalaitis : Nobody knows absentee registration is available. It is not mentioned any place in websites.

15:35:52 From Judy Strakalaitis : Absolutely, Senator Sherman!

15:36:34 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Yes the witness needs to be done away with

15:36:38 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Speaking from a single

15:36:40 From Liz Tentarelli : Registration concerns me because I suspect by fall there will be many people living in a different place, perhaps different town, as economics change. These may be long-time voters who will need to register in a new town. We must give them information about doing this remotely.

15:37:14 From Judy Strakalaitis : First issue is letting people know that absentee registration exists. The second is how to make the process simpler so that people can complete it successfully.

15:37:31 From Liz Tentarelli : Yes, Judy. Simple is good!

15:37:33 From Vicky Turner : Too much swearing, too many oaths. The language on the basic voter registration forms already asks people to swear to their identity, age, citizenship, and domicile with the penalties of doing this fraudulently clearly spelled out.

15:37:47 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Judy, we also need to be sure ppl are aware of the party change information too as most do not have it posted yet to websites

15:38:52 From Judy Strakalaitis : Often the affidavit repeats information the person already swore to on the voter registration form. Citizenship for instance.

15:39:26 From Judy Strakalaitis : Yes Vicky.

15:40:06 From Christine Seibert : Liz makes a very good point about economics

15:40:31 From Christine Seibert : or taking advantage of the bad economics folks may move, etc...

15:40:51 From Katy Cutshall : Past election experience with regard to registrations isn't relevant during a pandemic. We have to be prepared for both ways - absentee registration and in person.

15:41:02 From Vicky Nawoichyk : thousands

15:41:05 From Kyri : Make absentee registration more accessible and educate voters so that people will think about it ahead of time and do it by mail rather than in person.

15:41:15 From Judy Strakalaitis : Those of us involved here requested urgent action. The EO was issued Thursday. It does not cover voter registration now and at the June 2 session. But even the party change form and process does not appear on websites. I asked my town clerk to add it on Friday night and he did.

15:42:09 From Christine Seibert : If folks cannot currently live in their dorms but want to keep their voting here while being temporarily displaced?

15:42:28 From Judy Strakalaitis : You cannot link to the party change form on the SOS site. Meaning it is difficult to share. Links go to the SOS home page, which is busy and not intuitive for average person to find.it.

15:42:55 From Christine Seibert : Yup we need a separate site

15:43:08 From Louise Spencer : Thank you Dr. Sherman. I think this committee could play a significant role in helping to create non-partisan support for a set of short-term legislative COVID specific changes that address the challenges identified by the committee.

15:43:30 From Judy Strakalaitis : Oh I lost my train of thought. Those involved urged action. SOS issued party change form. Most towns have not made it available to public yet.

15:44:19 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Also there was no direction on in person sessions having to happen or what language we use to announce our sessions & how we will be hosting them

15:45:23 From Vicky Nawoichyk : for the June 2nd session that is

15:46:40 From Sam Rounds : so the one that is out there now is not the official one?

15:46:41 From Judy Strakalaitis : I don't know what could be more urgent than an emergency order from gov required clerks to put on website. Some supervisors are using other means, but not putting it on website as required. Outreach is fantastic but the fundamental instruction in the order is not being complied with. Plus, only voters online have access to the information re the party change form. And everyone needs to hear that abs registration is available and how to do it. Clerks need instructions on how to do it. Until they get it, many towns have no way to register.

15:48:02 From Christine Seibert : I agree Judy

15:49:14 From Christine Seibert : They should have all three options

15:50:05 From Christine Seibert : I don't know how many people do one or the other, if they happen to vote for one and receive a ballot for another is that even an issue

15:51:07 From Ruth : If someone asks for AB for both elections prior to the Sept election, what happens if the Nov ballot gets lost before that election?

15:51:31 From Judy Strakalaitis : The simpler the better. The party change form is overly complicated. But because June 2 is not actually the deadline for changing parties the before the primary now that an affidavit allows it at the polls, that's not a huge concern.

15:52:10 From Judy Strakalaitis : The party change form was revised and reposted, Sam. It conforms with what Tricia has been advising supervisors now.

15:52:42 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Correct Judy, but we will have issues in September with party change demands which no-one is actually discussing

15:53:12 From Vicky Nawoichyk : That means the moderator will be very busy and will also have to manager Abs ballots as well. It will be a bit of a mess

15:55:52 From Judy Strakalaitis : Exactly! The new affidavit opens a new route of possible transmission and now means many more people must interact for a

longer period of time. And it encourages people to vote in person rather than absentee. It would be so much more effective if boots-on-the-ground people could review changes for oversights and changes that are counterproductive..

15:56:53 From bonniewinonamackinnon : I second that Judy. Review would be good!

15:57:12 From Christine Seibert : Stupid Question, am i correct that absentee ballot application can be applied for now? And what are the dates for the actual ballots will be sent out and when are they due back?

15:57:52 From Christine Seibert : And will the Clerks offices be open for that time period for people to vote absentee in person..

15:58:06 From Vicky Nawoichyk : YEs, you can request your absentee now. Ballots are sent out as soon as the clerks receive them & are told to start sending

15:58:23 From Vicky Nawoichyk : We have ppl requesting Abs ballots the night before the elections

15:58:47 From Vicky Nawoichyk : they need to be returned and received by election day at a specific time

15:59:13 From Vicky Nawoichyk : No the clerk offices are all apt only in most towns so they need to call

15:59:15 From Judy Strakalaitis : It will create huge bottlenecks. And the wording on the affidavit invites people who did not know they needed to change by June 2 to sign a legal form stating they tried to. Those who are not willing to sign an affidavit that they made an attempt to change during the SOE this spring because town offices were closed will not have the choice of ballot. People knowing they didn't try to change but see it as a way to get what they want will sign it.

16:00:27 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Someone many times has suggested that we allow this primary be an open primary to avoid all the paperwork and the back & forth of looking at back to undeclared books

16:00:38 From Judy Strakalaitis : The wording of the affidavit decreases public confidence in the integrity of elections by appearing to blame election officials for the voter's not changing parties by June 2. Most election officials found it offensive.

16:01:47 From Liz Tentarelli : Yes! Online!

16:02:16 From Judy Strakalaitis : Vicky, that is what the affidavit does in effect. The affidavit to accomplish it increases risks and discourages voting absentee.

16:02:19 From Darryl Perry : I see no valid reaso why I can't request an Absentee Ballot online!

16:02:33 From Liz Tentarelli : Me either, Darryl.

16:02:46 From Kyri : Darryl, that's a very good question.

16:02:57 From Christine Seibert : i thought there was usually a 2 week period of when they do the actual ballot

16:04:14 From Judy Strakalaitis : Voters who are unaffiliated change party at a primary with an oral declaration to the clerk. The ballot clerk records the new affiliation on the checklist. The solution with no drawbacks is simply to extend the oral declaration to voters registered in a party. Why make this so much harder than it needs to be?

16:06:02 From Judy Strakalaitis : Darryl the issue is that town clerks are told they cannot accept electronic signatures. But is that covered by SOE orders? I don't know. The new party change form was just revised to exclude electronic signatures.

16:06:54 From Judy Strakalaitis : Christine, not sure what you are asking.
16:08:40 From Olivia Zink : When we heard how long it takes the clerk to process these forms. Let's put this form online and save time for the clerks.
16:08:53 From Judy Strakalaitis : Address relief offered for those unable to change parties or register during state of emergency please.
16:09:47 From Louise Spencer : Thank you everyone for your hard work!
16:09:50 From Judy Strakalaitis : The absentee ballot request forms are online.
16:09:55 From Darryl Perry : 39 states allow online voter registration; 31 states allow voters to return absentee ballots in an electronic manner... additionally: Twelve states have an online portal that permits voters to request an absentee/mailed ballot: Delaware, D.C., Florida, Louisiana, Idaho, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, New Mexico Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Vermont and Virginia. Some of these states used legislation to create this option and others did not. For more details, see Table 6: States with Web-Based Absentee Ballot Applications.

West Virginia and D.C. allow voters to download an application form and then return it as a scanned document.

Wisconsin permit voters to send an email with a scan of an absentee ballot request form and proof of ID to their county registrar.

In Arizona many counties provide an online portal, though it is not available on the state level.

Arizona, Florida, Maine, Mississippi, Vermont and Wyoming also accept phone requests.

16:11:32 From Darryl Perry :
<https://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/absentee-and-early-voting.aspx#request>

16:11:43 From Darryl Perry :
<https://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/internet-voting.aspx>

16:11:47 From Darryl Perry :
<https://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/electronic-or-online-voter-registration.aspx>

16:13:14 From Judy Strakalaitis : Can the public and local officials see the recommendations committee members are sending to each other.

16:13:58 From Liz Tentarelli : Topics for consideration list is on the committee's website as pdf.

16:14:11 From Judy Strakalaitis : Yes, Brad. Tom's approach to the challenges works best.

16:16:11 From Judy Strakalaitis : Thanks., Liz. Do you mean the page on SOS website? I've looked but didn't see it. BTW, the only way to find that page is if you click on the SOS Announces A Committee on the middle of the SOS home page.

16:16:56 From Darryl Perry : direct link (maybe bookmark it):
<http://sos.nh.gov/2020selectcommittee.aspx>

16:17:16 From Kyri : Is the subject of testing poll workers and election officials going to be addressed?

16:18:37 From Judy Strakalaitis : Thanks Darryl and Liz. I didn't realize they were added and I had to scroll down. Other additions are at the top. Know I can see them. TY.

16:18:56 From Christine Seibert : I want to thank everyone on this

committee for all their work. There is still more to go, but ya'll have been great and listened to everyone.

16:19:57 From Vicky Turner : <http://sos.nh.gov/2020selectcommittee.aspx>
scroll down

16:20:08 From Judy Strakalaitis : Thank you, Dave.