

**Staff Recommendations for Election Day Vote Centers**  
**Presidential Primary Election**  
**June 2, 2020**

The Maryland State Board of Elections has directed each county to recommend up to four vote centers for use on Election Day in the June 2, 2020 Presidential Primary Election. The plan that the State Board of Elections has presented to the Governor specifies that these locations “shall be existing, available early voting centers unless the early voting center is located at the offices of the local board of elections”.

Staff recommends the following sites:

- Silver Spring Civic Building in Silver Spring
- Marilyn Praisner Community Recreation Center in Burtonsville
- Germantown Community Recreation in Germantown
- Activity Center at Bohrer Park in Gaithersburg

These sites are each well-established, high volume voting sites. With the selection of these sites there will be one site located in each of the four quadrants of the county. All four sites have previously been used for at least three federal election cycles and three of the four have served the community since the establishment of early voting a decade ago. All sites are ADA accessible with wireless and land line telephone connectivity that has been tested and approved.

Each of the recommended vote centers can be reached by car and by bus with one Metro-accessible site and one site on Route 355. All four of these locations have significant parking available or adjacent to the facility to serve potential voters and we can add significant temporary handicapped parking.

Each of the four are located near or in areas that have a high transient voting population that may use the Vote Center as a last resort method to vote on June 2. All sites provide adequate interior space for the voting area so the voting room can be properly arranged for social distancing and with adequate outdoor queueing space as necessary to ensure the health and safety of all involved.

### **Silver Spring Civic Building:**

- Flagship location in Montgomery County. Original early voting center since 2010. Over five election cycles has consistently hosted among the most voters in the State.
- Well known site, used frequently for many purposes by Montgomery County residents.
- Security and supportive management staff on site.
- Within walking distance of many residents in Silver Spring.
- Adequate space to observe social distancing and to shelter voters from the weather in the voting area and the lobby area.
- Large room (5,000+ sq. feet) to accommodate social distancing and support check-in stations distanced for safety of poll workers and multiple voting stations staged with necessary distancing necessary.
- Ability to create a one-way voter traffic flow--enter one door and exit another which supports social distancing.
- Parking is accessible and a short walk to the polling location.

### **Marilyn Praisner Community Recreation Center:**

- Original early voting center since 2010. Popular east county voting location. One of the highest turnout sites in MoCo.
- On-site parking with additional overflow parking at the library.
- Ability to create a one-way voter traffic flow--enter one door and exit another which supports social distancing.
- Overflow voting space across the hall.
- Adequate space to observe social distancing and to shelter voters from the weather in the voting area and the lobby area.
- Significant outdoor space for voters to line up with proper social distancing if necessary.

### **Germantown Community Recreation Center:**

- Original early voting center since 2010. Ability to serve the western portion of the County.
- Continues to be among the top performing early voting centers in the State of Maryland showing in the top 10 locations for voter turnout.

- On-site parking with overflow parking in the middle school next door and across the street at the church.
- Ride-On Bus route directly in the circle of the center.
- Adequate space to observe social distancing and shelter voters from the weather if necessary in the gymnasium.
- Ability to create a one-way voter traffic flow--enter one door and exit another which supports social distancing.
- Significant outdoor space for voters to line up with proper social distancing if necessary.

### **Activity Center at Bohrer Park:**

- Centrally positioned in the County with easy access from Route 355 in Gaithersburg.
- One of the highest capacity sites since it was added after the 2012 Presidential Election.
- Serves a highly transient area of the County with numerous apartments.
- Adequate space to observe social distancing and shelter voters from the weather if necessary in the large lobby area and wide corridors.
- Ability to create a one-way voter traffic flow--enter one door and exit another which supports social distancing.
- Strong support from the facility management staff.
- Ability to leverage digital signage along Route 355.
- Significant outdoor space for voters to line up with proper social distancing if necessary.