## NOTICE

# ELECTION DAY COURT HEARINGS FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION – STATEWIDE PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS; COUNTY-SPECIFIC LOGISTICAL DETAILS

- 1. Election Day court hearings for the Tuesday, November 3, 2020 General Election will be conducted following a "remote first" model consistent with all court operations at this time.
- 2. All COVID-19 health protocols will be implemented in all court locations being used for election hearings and will be supported to the extent possible in non-court locations being used for election hearing purposes, including Boards of Elections and other County facilities. Those COVID-19 protocols include screening operations, requiring the wearing of face masks, social distancing, and use of plexiglass or other barriers, depending on the specific local logistics.
- 3. Though courthouses are generally closed to the public on Election Day, either (a) the courthouse will be open to any voter who appears in person on an election challenge; or (b) county personnel will be prepared to direct a voter who appears at the courthouse to the appropriate location to participate in a remote proceeding.
- 4. Virtual participation in election hearings may be accommodated from voting locations (Board of Elections, etc.) and/or in the courthouse (including in designated technology areas) and/or through personal technology, in accordance with county-specific procedures.
- 5. Consistent with pre-COVID-19 policies and procedures, Election Day hearings are not live broadcast. Individual requests to observe specific remote Election Day events should be directed to the Trial Court Administrator.
- 6. Detailed guidance for each county is set forth in the below county-specific notices.

Hon. Glenn A. Grant, J.A.D. Acting Administrative Director

of the Courts

Dated: October 21, 2020

#### **Atlantic County**

Superior Court judges will be available in Atlantic County to conduct hearings for election challenges or issues on Tuesday, November 3.

Anyone seeking to petition the court on a voting or election issue on the date of the election may contact the Atlantic County Courts at (609) 402-0100 Ext. 47594 or by email at <a href="https://doi.org/10.2016/njcourts.gov">ATLCIVILADMIN.Mailbox@njcourts.gov</a>.

Primarily, the courts will be conducting remote hearings; however, you may appear in person at the Atlantic County Civil Courthouse in Atlantic City or the Atlantic County Criminal Complex in Mays Landing, if you are unable to access the courts by phone or email. If appropriate, the matter will be promptly heard by the designated judge with notice to the election officials. Election officials, petitioners, and attorneys will be able to appear before the designated judge by video or telephone.

COVID-19 safety protocols have been implemented in all courthouses consistent with CDC guidelines. Temperature checks, social distancing, and masks are required for all court users and employees entering the courthouse.

Voters and residents with questions about the November 3 election or who are seeking assistance on casting their vote can contact the Atlantic County Clerk's Office and/or the Board of Elections:

- County Clerk (609) 625-4011
- Board of Elections (609) 645-5888

#### **Bergen County**

Superior Court judges will be available to conduct remote hearings for any election challenges or issues in Bergen County on Tuesday, November 3.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, vote by mail ballots were sent to all registered voters. Persons who choose not to use the mail in ballot and wish to vote in-person at one of Bergen's designated polling places on Election Day, will be able to cast their vote using a provisional paper ballot. Voting Machines will be available for voters with disabilities who need the accessible voting device. If you have a disability and need an accessible ballot, please call the Board of Elections (201) 336-7020 or you may go to your assigned voting place.

Voters with election-related concerns or questions about the November 3 election or who are seeking assistance on casting their vote can call or visit the county clerk's office and/or the board of elections:

Bergen County Clerk: 201-336-7000

Bergen County Board of Elections: 201-336-6100 or 201-336-6110

Address: One Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack, NJ 07601

Board of Elections website: <a href="http://www.bergencountyclerk.org/Services/20">http://www.bergencountyclerk.org/Services/20</a>

If you visit in person, please remember to wear a face covering and practice social distancing precautions.

If appropriate, the matter will be heard promptly by the designated judge with notice to the election officials. Election officials, petitioners, and attorneys will be able to appear before the designated judge by video.

#### **Burlington County**

Superior Court judges will be available in the Burlington Vicinage to conduct in-person and remote hearings for any election challenges or issues in Burlington County on Tuesday, November 3.

The general election will be vote-by-mail as instructed at: <a href="http://www.co.burlington.nj.us/297/Election-Board">http://www.co.burlington.nj.us/297/Election-Board</a>. The county clerk's office has mailed ballots to registered voters.

Anyone seeking to petition the court on a voting or election issue on the date of the election may contact the Burlington County Superior Court by telephone at (609) 288-9500 Ext. 38520. If appropriate, the matter will be promptly heard by a designated judge with notice to the election officials. Election officials, petitioners, and attorneys will be able to appear before the designated judge by video or telephone. Petitioners can also appear before the judge in-person on election day.

Voters and residents with questions about the November 3 general election or who are seeking assistance on casting their vote can contact the County Clerk's Office and/or the Board of Elections:

Burlington County Clerk's Elections Office (609) 265-5229 <a href="https://www.co.burlington.nj.us/593/Election-Voter-Services">https://www.co.burlington.nj.us/593/Election-Voter-Services</a>

Board of Elections (609) 265-5062 /5161 https://www.co.burlington.nj.us/297/Election-Board

Superintendent of Elections (609) 265-5111 <a href="https://www.co.burlington.nj.us/301/Superintendent-of-Elections">https://www.co.burlington.nj.us/301/Superintendent-of-Elections</a>

## **Camden County**

Superior Court judges will be available to conduct remote hearings for any election challenges or issues in Camden County on Tuesday, November 3.

Tuesday's election will be vote-by-mail or in-person vote. The county clerk's office is mailing ballots to registered voters.

If appropriate, matters will be promptly heard by a designated judge with notice to the election officials. Court hearings related to this election will be conducted in a "remote first" model, consistent with all court operations, at this time. Anyone seeking to petition the court on a voting or election issue on the date of the election may contact the Camden County Superior Court by telephone at (856) 650-9011 ext. 43021.

The Hall of Justice, though generally closed to the public on Election Day, will be open to any voter who appears in-person on an election challenge. All COVID-19 health protocols will be implemented, including, screening operations, requirements of face masks and social distancing and use of plexiglass or other barriers, etc.

Virtual participation in election hearings may also be accommodated from non-court locations, as well, (i.e. Board of Elections, etc.) or through voters' personal technology.

As is consistent with pre-COVID-19 policies and procedures, election day hearings are not live broadcast. Individual requests to observe those remote events should be directed to the Trial Court Administrator.

Voters with any election-related issues or questions about the November 3 election or who are seeking assistance on casting their vote can contact the county clerk's office and/or the board of elections:

Camden County Clerk: 856-225-5300

Camden County Board of Elections: 856-401-8683

Board of Elections website: https://www.camdencounty.com/service/board-of-

elections/

# **Cape May County**

Superior Court judges will be available in Cape May County to conduct hearings for election challenges or issues on Tuesday, November 3.

Anyone seeking to petition the court on a voting or election issue on the date of the election may contact the Cape May County Courts at (609) 402-0100 Ext. 47910 or by email at CPMLawDiv.mailbox@njcourts.gov.

Primarily, the courts will be conducting remote hearings; however, you may appear in person at the Cape May Superior Court in Cape May Courthouse if you are unable to access the courts by phone or email. If appropriate, the matter will be promptly heard by the designated judge with notice to the election officials. Election officials, petitioners, and attorneys will be able to appear before the designated judge by video or telephone.

COVID-19 safety protocols have been implemented in all courthouses consistent with CDC guidelines. Temperature checks, social distancing, and masks are required for all court users and employees entering the courthouse.

Voters and residents with questions about the November 3 election or who are seeking assistance on casting their vote can contact the Cape May County Clerk's Office and/or the Board of Elections:

- County Clerk (609) 465-1018
- Board of Elections website www.capemaycountyvotes.com

#### **Cumberland County**

Superior Court judges will be available in the Cumberland County to conduct remote hearings for any election challenges or issues in all three counties on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Tuesday's election will be vote-by-mail or in-person vote. The county clerk's office has proactively mailed ballots to registered voters.

If appropriate, matters will be promptly heard by a designated judge with notice to the election officials. Election officials, petitioners, and attorneys will be able to appear before the designated judge by video or telephone. Voters with any election-related issues or questions regarding the November 3<sup>rd</sup> election or who are seeking assistance on casting their vote can contact the county clerk's office and/or the board of elections:

Cumberland County Clerk 856-453-4860

Cumberland Board of Elections 856-453-5801

BOE website: https://www.cumberlandcountyvotes.com

#### **Essex County**

Superior Court judges will be available to conduct remote and in-person hearings for any election challenges or issues in Essex County on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. If appropriate, the matter will be heard promptly by the designated judge with notice to the election officials. Election officials, petitioners, and attorneys will be able to appear before the designated judge by video or in-person.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, vote-by-mail ballots were sent to all registered voters. Persons who choose not to use the mail in ballot and wish to vote in-person at one of Essex's designated polling places on Election Day, will be able to cast their vote using a provisional paper ballot. Voting Machines will be available for voters with disabilities who need the accessible voting device. If you have a disability and need an accessible ballot, please call the Essex County Board of Elections at (973) 621-5070 or you may go to your assigned voting location.

Voters with election-related concerns or questions about the November 3 election or who are seeking assistance on casting their vote can call or visit the Essex County Clerk's office and/or Board of Elections:

Essex County Clerk: 973-621-4921

Essex County Board of Elections: 973-621-5070

465 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Newark, NJ 07102 Board of Elections website: <a href="https://essexboardofelections.com/">https://essexboardofelections.com/</a>

If you come to the courthouse in person, all COVID-19 health protocols must be followed, and masks are required to be worn at all times.

#### **Gloucester County**

Superior Court judges will be available in the Gloucester County to conduct remote hearings for any election challenges or issues in all three counties on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Tuesday's election will be vote-by-mail or in-person vote. The county clerk's office has proactively mailed ballots to registered voters.

If appropriate, matters will be promptly heard by a designated judge with notice to the election officials. Election officials, petitioners, and attorneys will be able to appear before the designated judge by video or telephone. Voters with any election-related issues or questions regarding the November 3<sup>rd</sup> election or who are seeking assistance on casting their vote can contact the county clerk's office and/or the board of elections:

Gloucester County Clerk: 856-853-3237

Gloucester County Board of Elections: 856-384-4500

Board of Elections website: https://co.gloucester.nj.us

# **Hudson County**

Superior Court judges will be available in Hudson county to conduct remote hearings for election challenges or issues on Tuesday, November 3rd.

Tuesday's election will be vote-by-mail or in-person vote. The county clerk's office has mailed ballots to registered voters. Provisional voting will be available at a limited number of polling locations which will be open for ADA accommodations and for voters who did not receive their official mail in ballot.

If appropriate, matters will be promptly heard by a designated judge with notice to election officials. Election officials, petitioners, and attorneys will be able to appear before the designated judge by video or telephone.

Voters with election-related concerns or questions about the November 3<sup>rd</sup> election or who are seeking assistance on casting their vote can contact the county clerk's office and/or the board of elections.

#### Contacts:

Hudson County Clerk – 201-369-3470

Superintendent of Elections – 201-369-7793

Supt.ofElections@hcnj.us.

# **Hunterdon County**

On Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, 2020, the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hunterdon County, will be available to conduct remote hearings for any election-related challenges or issues. Virtual participation in election hearings may be accommodated using technology located in either non-court voting locations (e.g., Local Board of Elections Office) or within the county courthouse. A prospective voter may also choose their personal technology or device to facilitate communication with the court.

Consistent with all court operations, any hearings related to the November 3, 2020 General Election will be conducted in a "remote first" model in order to ensure public health and safety.

Voters with election-related issues or questions should contact their local County Clerk's Office or Board of Elections:

Hunterdon County Clerk's Office: 908-788-1221 Hunterdon County Board of Elections: 908-788-1190

The participants in these hearings will be appearing remotely by video or phone.

#### **Mercer County**

Mercer Vicinage Superior Court judges are set to conduct remote hearings for challenges and other election related issues requiring court intervention on election day, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

This year's General Election has been designated as a "primarily vote by mail" election. However, judges will be available until all polling locations close for the evening on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Court staff will coordinate the virtual proceedings. Appearances by petitioners, election officials and attorneys will take place by video or telephone.

Voters seeking to present a matter before a judge on Election Day should contact the Mercer County Superintendent of Elections at 609-989-6770 to set up a same day hearing before the Court.

As announced by the Mercer County Clerk, information related to the delivery of the mail-in ballots, location of drop boxes and the voting process in general can be found by searching the word elections at the Mercer County website: <a href="www.mercercounty.org">www.mercercounty.org</a>. Voters may also call the Mercer County Voting Hotline at 609-278-2719 or send an email to: <a href="mercervotes@mercercounty.org">mercercounty.org</a>.

Additional contact information is listed below:

Mercer County Clerk Elections: 609-989-6494

Superintendent of Elections: 609-989-6750

County Board of Elections: 609-989-6522

# **Middlesex County**

Superior Court judges will be available in the Middlesex Vicinage to conduct remote hearings for any election challenges or issues in Middlesex County on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, all active registered Middlesex County voters will automatically receive a Vote by Mail ballot for November's general election, as per P.L. 2020, c. 72. A limited number of in-person polling locations will be available for voters requiring special assistance or for the casting of provisional ballots. Despite COVID-19, every voter will have the right to participate in a free, safe, and fair election on November 3, 2020.

Anyone seeking to petition the court on a voting or election issue on the date of the election can contact the Middlesex County Superior Court at 732-645-4300 x88171. If appropriate, the matter

will be heard promptly by a designated judge with notice to the election officials. Election officials, petitioners, and attorneys will be able to appear before the designated judge by video or telephone. Voters and residents with questions about the November 3<sup>rd</sup> election or who are seeking assistance in casting their vote can contact the Middlesex County Clerk's Office – Elections Division, and/or the Middlesex County Board of Elections.

If you are a disabled voter and need access to an ADA device to vote on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, please call the Middlesex County Board of Elections at 732-745-3471.

For election information and general questions, please visit

www.middlesexcountynj.gov/vote2020. If you have any questions regarding applications or the sending of mail-in ballots for the November 3, 2020 General Election, please call the Elections Division of the County Clerk's Office at 732-745-4202. For all other questions, please call the Board of Elections at 732-745-3471.

#### **County Clerk**

Elaine Flynn

Address: P.O. Box 1110, 75 Bayard Street, 4th Floor, New Brunswick, NJ 08901-1110

Office Hours: 8:30am-4:15pm **732-745-4202** (FAX) 732-745-2170 middlesexvotes@co.middlesex.nj.us

#### **Middlesex County Board of Elections**

Address: 11 Kennedy Boulevard, East Brunswick, NJ 08816

Office Hours: 8:30am-4:15pm

(732) 745-3471 (Fax): (732) 296-6560

elections@co.middlesex.nj.us

# **Monmouth County**

Superior Court judges will be available to conduct remote or in person hearings for election challenges or issues in Monmouth County on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, from 6 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Anyone seeking to petition the court on a voting or election issue on the date of the election can contact the Superior Court at 732-358-8700, ext. 87590, or at MONEmergent.Mailbox@njcourts.gov.

If appropriate, the matter will be promptly heard by a designated judge with notice to election officials. Election officials, petitioners, and attorneys can appear before the designated judge by video, telephone or in person. If a user does not have access to a telephone to participate in the virtual proceeding, the user can appear at the Monmouth County Board of Elections, 300 Halls Mills Road, Freehold, where arrangements will be made for a remote or in person hearing.

Voters and residents with questions about the November 3<sup>rd</sup> general election or who are seeking assistance on casting their vote can contact the Monmouth County Board of Elections at 732-431-7780.

#### **Morris County**

Superior Court judges will be available in Morris County to conduct remote hearings for election challenges or issues on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

If appropriate, matters will be promptly heard by a designated judge with notice to election officials. Election officials, petitioners, and attorneys will be able to appear before the designated judge by video or telephone.

Voters with election-related concerns or questions about the Nov. 3 election or who are seeking assistance on casting their vote can contact their county clerk's office and/or the board of elections.

Morris County Clerk – 973-285-6066 County Board of Elections – 973-285-6715 https://elections.morriscountynj.gov/

# **Ocean County**

Superior Court judges will be available in the Ocean Vicinage to conduct hearings for any election challenges or issues on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

Voters with any election-related issues should contact the Ocean County Board of Elections and/or Election Services at the Ocean County Clerk's Office. If appropriate, these offices will make arrangements for the voter to report to a designated courtroom where a hearing may be conducted either in person or virtually.

Ocean County Board of Elections 732-929-2167 Ocean County Clerk 732-929-2018

For more information:

For general information on the Ocean County Board of Elections: http://www.co.ocean.nj.us/oc/elections/

For address and phone number details of the Election Board: <a href="http://www.co.ocean.nj.us/oc/elections/frmContact.aspx">http://www.co.ocean.nj.us/oc/elections/frmContact.aspx</a>

For Election Services (November 3<sup>rd</sup> General Election Information): http://www.clerk.co.ocean.nj.us/frmElectionServices

#### **Passaic County**

The Passaic County Administration Building, located at 401 Grand Street, Paterson, New Jersey, will be open from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, 2020 to any voter who appears in person for an election challenge. Superior Court Judges will be available to conduct on-site and in person hearings relating to the November 3, 2020 General Election.

All COVID-19 health protocols will be implemented in court locations and will be supported as necessary in non-court locations, including Boards of Elections and other County facilities. COVID-19 protocols include thermal screening operations, requirements of face masks and social distancing, use of plexiglass or other barriers, etc.

Consistent with pre-COVID-19 policies and procedures, election day hearings are not live broadcast. Individual requests to observe those remote events should be directed to the Trial Court Administrator.

For assistance, voters may contact:

The Passaic County Clerk: (973) 881-4127

The Passaic County Superintendent of Elections: (973) 881-4515

The Passaic County Board of Elections: (973) 881-2788

# **Salem County**

Superior Court judges will be available in the Salem County to conduct remote hearings for any election challenges or issues in all three counties on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Tuesday's election will be vote-by-mail or in-person vote. The county clerk's office has proactively mailed ballots to registered voters.

If appropriate, matters will be promptly heard by a designated judge with notice to the election officials. Election officials, petitioners, and attorneys will be able to appear before the designated judge by video or telephone. Voters with any election-related issues or questions regarding the November 3<sup>rd</sup> election or who are seeking assistance on casting their vote can contact the county clerk's office and/or the board of elections:

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**Salem** County Clerk: 856-935-7510 x8605

Salem County Board of Elections: 856-935-7510 x8454

Board of Elections website: <a href="https://salemcountyclerk.org/election-services/">https://salemcountyclerk.org/election-services/</a>

#### **Somerset County**

On Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, 2020, the Superior Court of New Jersey, Somerset County, will be available to conduct remote hearings for any election-related challenges or issues. Virtual participation in election hearings may be accommodated using technology located in either non-court voting locations (e.g., Local Board of Elections Office) or within the county courthouse. A prospective voter may also choose their personal technology or device to facilitate communication with the court.

Consistent with all court operations, any hearings related to the November 3, 2020 General Election will be conducted in a "remote first" model in order to ensure public health and safety.

Voters with election-related issues or questions should contact their local County Clerk's Office or Board of Elections:

Somerset County Clerk's Office: 908-231-7013 Somerset County Board of Elections: 908-231-7084

The participants in these hearings will be appearing remotely by video or phone.

# **Sussex County**

Superior Court judges will be available in Sussex County to conduct remote hearings for election challenges or issues on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

If appropriate, matters will be promptly heard by a designated judge with notice to election officials. Election officials, petitioners, and attorneys will be able to appear before the designated judge by video or telephone.

Voters with election-related concerns or questions about the Nov. 3 election or who are seeking assistance on casting their vote can contact their county clerk's office and/or the board of elections.

Sussex County Clerk – 973-579-0900 County Board of Elections – 973-579-0950 https://www.sussex.nj.us/cn/webpage.cfm?tpid=1503

### **Union County**

Superior Court judges will be available to conduct hearings for any election challenges or issues in Union County on Tuesday, November 3.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, vote by mail ballots were sent to all registered voters. Persons who choose not to use the mail in ballot and wish to vote in-person at one of Union County's designated polling places on Election Day, will be able to cast their vote using a provisional paper ballot. Voting Machines will be available for voters with disabilities who need the accessible voting device. If you have a disability and need an accessible ballot, please call the Board of Elections at 908-527-4123 or you may go to your assigned voting place.

Voters with election-related concerns or questions about the November 3 election or who are seeking assistance on casting their vote can call or visit the Union County Board of Elections, 271 North Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07208 or view their website at ucnj.org/boe.

If you visit in person, please remember to wear a face covering and practice social distancing precautions.

If appropriate, the matter will be heard promptly by the designated judge with notice to the election officials. Election officials, petitioners, and attorneys will be able to appear before the designated judge.

# **Warren County**

On Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, 2020, the Superior Court of New Jersey, Warren County, will be available to conduct remote hearings for any election-related challenges or issues. Virtual participation in election hearings may be accommodated using technology located in either non-court voting locations (e.g., Local Board of Elections Office) or within the county courthouse. A prospective voter may also choose their personal technology or device to facilitate communication with the court.

Consistent with all court operations, any hearings related to the November 3, 2020 General Election will be conducted in a "remote first" model in order to ensure public health and safety.

Voters with election-related issues or questions should contact their local County Clerk's Office or Board of Elections:

Warren County Clerk's Office: 908-475-6211 Warren County Board of Elections: 908-475-6313 The participants in these hearings will be appearing remotely by video or phone.