

**COVID-19 Contingency Addendum to the Hawai'i 2020 DSP**  
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Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a shelter in place order has been issued by Governor Ige of the State of Hawai'i; this order was issued on Monday, March 23, 2020 and takes effect on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 through Thursday, April 30, 2020. At this time only listed essential workers are to report.

Department of Education Facilities as of March 24, 2020 will be closed until April 30, 2020. The Party-run Presidential Primary walk-in voting sites were predominantly school facilities. The Department of Education has notified the Democratic Party of Hawai'i that they are cancelling reservations for all locations.

Hawai'i and its geography present a unique challenge due to land mass separation. Mail is delivered by planes. The cargo shipping has slowed down considerably due to the health and safety concerns presented by COVID-19. This new timeline takes these challenges into consideration and provides pockets of stretch time for outside agencies, to perform the services needed, and over which we have no control. This stretch time has been built in as a failsafe.

As such, the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, a caucus state who has not completed the Party-run Presidential Primary at this time, requests the following contingency addendum to the approved Delegate Selection Plan:

**Convert On-site Voting to All Mail Ballot Voting**

- Deletion of all references to on-site voting and on-site voting day April 4th.
- Substitute on-site voting with all-mail voting.
- Add third round of ballot distribution by mail.
- Keep April 4, 2020 deadline to register to vote and enroll in the Party but change from 3pm to 11:59pm.
- Add third round of ballots to arrive in homes on or about May 2, 2020.
- Adjust mail-ballot return deadline to May 22, 2020.
- Adjust count date and result tabulation of presidential preference to May 23, 2020.
- Adjust deadline for campaigns to file recount petition to May 27, 2020.
- Adjust deadline for State Chair to respond to recount petition including cost to May 29, 2020.
- Adjust deadline for campaigns to respond before a recount is conducted to June 1, 2020.

**Postponement of Hawai'i State Convention**

- Note postponement of Hawai'i State Convention where applicable.

#### Changes to Delegate Selection and Electors Paperwork Deadlines

- Delete references to forms being available at Party headquarters and address.
- Keep forms available online.
- Convert to request forms by email as of March 21, 2020, as headquarters was closed March 20, 2020 until further notice.
- Adjust deadline for National delegate candidates to submit paperwork to May 27, 2020.
- Adjust deadline for State delegate voters to submit paperwork to May 27, 2020.

#### District-level Delegate and Presidential Elector Selection Changes

- Substitute voting on District-level delegates at State Convention to voting online by DNC vetted method. Each State delegate will be issued a unique pin for verification.
- Adjust deadline for State Chair to provide lists to presidential campaigns to May 31, 2020.
- Adjust deadline for presidential campaigns to return approved lists to June 4, 2020.
- Delete selection date as May 23, 2020.
- Add June 5, 2020 voting notification to State delegates.
- Add June 8, 2020 as District-level delegates voting deadline.
- Add June 9, 2020 for announcement of District-level delegates.
- Adjust State Chair AA certification to DNC Rules and By-laws Committee date to June 12, 2020.
- Adjust State Chair District-level delegate certification to the Secretary of the DNC date to June 19, 2020. (Although it will be completed as soon as possible.)

#### PLEO Delegate, At-large Delegate, and At-large Alternate Selection Changes

- Remove reference to SCC members being elected after June 1, 2018.
- Keep accurate and compliant language that SCC members will have been elected after the last presidential campaign.
- Adjust deadline for State Chair to provide lists to presidential campaigns to May 31, 2020.
- Adjust presidential campaign deadline for PLEO list to June 12, 2020.
- Adjust SCC meeting from May 24, 2020 to June 13, 2020.
- Specify this meeting will occur by video/teleconference.
- Adjust presidential campaign deadline for At-large and At-large alternates to June 13, 2020.(30 minute guideline still applies)
- Adjust State Chair AA certification to DNC Rules and By-laws Committee date to June 16, 2020.
- Adjust State Chair PLEO, At-large delegate and alternate certification to the Secretary of the DNC date to June 19, 2020. (Although it will be completed as soon as possible.)

#### Convention Delegation Meeting Changes

- Adjust date of Delegation Meeting from May 24, 2020 to June 13, 2020.
- Specify this meeting will occur by video/teleconference.

- Adjust presidential campaign deadline for standing committee members list to June 13, 2020.(30 minute guideline still applies)
- Adjust standing committee members selection from May 24, 2020 to June 13, 2020.
- Adjust Delegation Chair selection from May 24, 2020 to June 13, 2020.
- Adjust convention pages selection from May 24, 2020 to June 13, 2020.
- Adjust State Chair certification to the Secretary of the DNC date to June 19, 2020.  
(Although it will be completed as soon as possible.)

#### Paper Ballot Storage Changes

- Adjust paper ballot destroy date from April 4,2021 to May 23, 2021.