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SECRETARY OF STATE — COVID-19 RESPONSE

Secretary of State Response. The following information outlines the steps taken by the Secretary of State's Office (SOS) to prepare for and mitigate the impact of COVID-19. The information is current as of April 16, 2020.

Temporary Closure of Lobby in the Lucas Office Building. In order to reduce the potential spread of COVID-19, the SOS lobby in the Lucas Building was closed on March 27, 2020, and will remain closed until April 20, 2020. During the closure, filers are encouraged to use the Fast Track Filing System or the legacy online filing system, and to contact the Secretary's office by email when same day filings are needed.

Rescheduled Elections. The following three special elections have been rescheduled pursuant to Iowa Code section [47.1](#) for July 7, 2020:

- Black Hawk County: City of Cedar Falls special election
- Plymouth County: City of Craig special election
- Woodbury County: County Board of Supervisors special election

June 2020 Primary Elections. The voting period has been extended to 40 days, and voters are being encouraged to vote by mail. Absentee voting for mail-in ballots begins on April 23, 2020. The Secretary intends to have physical polling locations open for the June 2020 primary election for those who prefer to cast ballots in person. Curbside voting will be available for lowans with disabilities or those who would have difficulty entering a polling location and those in high-risk populations for COVID-19. To facilitate absentee voting, the Secretary's office will mail absentee ballot request forms to every registered voter beginning mid-April.

Remote Notarizations. The in-person requirement for notarizing documents was temporarily waived for the duration of the COVID-19 emergency, and the Secretary has unveiled a searchable database of remote notaries operating within the State of Iowa on the Office's website [here](#).

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