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DATES AND TIMES FOR THE CANVASSING AND OPENING OF MAIL-IN BALLOTS AND THE REPORTING OF UNOFFICIAL RESULTS OF THE MAIL-IN BALLOT VOTE TABULATION

Please note that, pursuant to action taken by the State Board of Elections at its August 19, 2020 meeting under the authority granted it by the Governor's June 19, 2020 Order Extending Certain Licenses, Permits, Registrations, and Other Governmental Authorizations, and Authorizing Suspension of Legal Time Requirements, the following dates and times prescribed by the Maryland Code relating to the canvass of mail-in ballots, the opening of mail-in ballots and the reporting of unofficial results by local boards of election have been suspended and modified as indicated:

- The requirement that each local board meet to canvass the mail-in ballots cast in an election "following [that] election," Md. Code Ann., Elec. Law § 11-302(a), is suspended. In its place, the State Board has prescribed that, for the 2020 Presidential General Election, a local board shall meet to canvass the mail-in ballots cast in that election no earlier than October 1, 2020, at 8 a.m.
- The requirement that a local board may not open any envelope of a mail-in ballot prior to 8 a.m. on the Wednesday following election day, Md. Code Ann., Elec. Law § 11-302(b)(1), is suspended. In its place, the State Board has prescribed that, for the 2020 Presidential General Election, each local board may not open any envelope of a mail-in ballot prior to October 1, 2020, at 8 a.m.; and
- The requirement that a local board prepare and release a report of the unofficial results of the absentee ballot vote tabulation at the end of each day of canvassing, Md. Code Ann., Elec. Law § 11-302(e), is suspended. In its place, the State Board has prescribed that, for the 2020 Presidential General Election, each local board shall prepare and release a report of the unofficial results of the absentee ballot vote tabulation no earlier than the closing of polls on election day, and thereafter at the end of each day of canvassing.