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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Alert: Election Day is this Tuesday!

Many municipalities and counties have local elections coming up this Tuesday. Remember that so much of what affects our daily lives happens on the local level. Take simple precautions and have a safe and healthy Election Day - wear a mask, wash your hands before and after voting, bring your own pen/pencil, stay six feet apart, and follow the guidance of election workers. Polls are open from 6AM-7PM.

[Find your polling place at the top of our Show Me Votes page.](#)

Unelected Gov. Parson Recommends Just Not Voting

After months of mismanagement of this pandemic in our state, Gov. Parson said in his daily briefing that if folks are worried about the coronavirus, they should just not go vote. Missourians of all stripes have been calling for expanded voting rights including no-excuse absentee voting – a bill that would make this a reality is currently sitting unsigned on the governor's desk.

Take precautions on Tuesday and remember his words in November when *he's* up for election.

Medicaid Expansion Ballot Initiative Moved to August Election

In a last, desperate attempt of the Missouri GOP to try not to lose their fourth ballot initiative in a row, Gov. Parson has moved Medicaid Expansion from the November election to the

lower turnout August 4th election. We have less than 70 days to go, but just as Right to Work was defeated in August 2018 with an astonishing 62% of the vote, we will come together, we will not sit this out, and we will pass Medicaid Expansion.

[Chip in toward the fight, if you can!](#)

Missouri Democrats Expanding the Statewide Coordinated Campaign

We're putting together a great team to run our statewide field program under the direction of our new Coordinated Campaign Director Austin Lyle. Know folks who might be good fits for Organizing, Operations, and Data? Send 'em our way.

[Check out our jobs page here.](#)

State Convention is Just Around the Corner!

We're holding Missouri's 2020 Democratic State Convention [virtually](#) with a live, digital Welcome Night event on Friday, June 12th and the full meetings and caucuses on June 13th. We'll be joined by several guest speakers, candidates, and elected officials!

As of right now, the Democratic National Convention is planned to go forward in-person in Milwaukee the week of August 17th, but importantly, all delegates will be able to vote even if they are not physically present. [Sign up to stay informed on state and national convention news!](#)

Have you filled out your Census?

Filling out your census is the single most important thing you can do to ensure fair representation for your community for the next decade. It takes only TWO minutes online or over the phone at <https://my2020census.gov/>. Remember, we lose or gain seats based on these numbers, so please check with your friends and family and share the link above. Be counted!

MDP Data Resources & VAN Help

Have questions about VAN or any data and tech needs? Check out MDP's [Data Resources page](#) or email vansupport@missouridems.org. Interested in improving the data, analytics, and technology infrastructure for Democrats in our state? Get more info and sign up [here!](#)

Understanding the New Absentee Voting Law

The folks over at Missouri Voter Protection Coalition created a handy, shareable graphic to

help you understand the new expanded absentee voting law passed by the Legislature this month. The law is currently waiting to be signed by the Governor, and you can give him a call at (573) 751-3222 to tell him to hurry along. Please pass it on to friends!



- Are you confined, ill or at high risk of COVID-19? Vote Absentee – No Notary Required
- Permanent absentee voter – No Notary Required
- All other voters – Can vote by mail in 2020 – Ballot must be notarized

HOW TO VOTE ABSENTEE OR BY MAIL IN MISSOURI IN 2020 DUE TO COVID-19

	How Can I Vote by Mail?	Does my ballot need to be notarized?	How can I request a ballot?	Deadline to request a ballot?	How can I submit my ballot?	Deadline to submit the ballot
Do you expect to be confined due to illness or disability, or are caring for someone who is?	Can vote absentee under excuse #2: (2) Incapacity or confinement due to illness or physical disability (permanent)	NO	By email, fax, in-person or by mail	Request for mail-ballot must be received by 2 nd Wednesday before Election Day Can vote absentee in person until 5p.m. day before Election Day	Can be returned in-person or by mail, by voter or a close relative of voter	Ballot must be received by close of polls on Election Day
Do you have or are you at risk of complications from COVID-19? At risk includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 65 years or older • in a long term care facility, • chronic lung disease or moderate/severe asthma • serious heart condition, • Immunocompromised, • diabetes, • liver disease, • chronic kidney disease/dialysis 	Can vote absentee under excuse #7: (7) For an election that occurs during the year 2020, the voter has contracted or is in an at-risk category for contracting or transmitting severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus (For 2020 only)	NO	By email, fax, in-person or by mail	Request for mail-ballot must be received by 2 nd Wednesday before Election Day Can cast absentee ballot in person until 5p.m. day before Election Day	Can be returned in-person or by mail, by voter or a close relative of voter	Ballot must be received by close of polls on Election Day
I wish to vote by mail but don't meet any of the excuses to vote absentee.	Any voter can vote by mail for 2020 elections. No excuse required. (For 2020 only)	YES	By mail only	Request for mail-ballot must be received by 2 nd Wednesday before Election Day	Must be returned to the election authority by MAIL only.	Ballot must be received by close of polls on Election Day

MISSOURI VOTER PROTECTION COALITION

Questions? denise@movpc.org

Sign up for alerts from MOVPC: [Text MOVPC](text:MOVPC) to 66866

It's A Numbers Game

We need YOU to register voters! There are 154,000 likely Democrats out there waiting for a nudge from you. [Visit our interactive map and click on your county](#) and get your neighbors registered today!

Missouri Democratic Party + "It Starts Today" = A Brand New Legislature

Your support can go twice as far and reach all corners of the state with the Blue Missouri project, a partnership between the Missouri Democratic Party and It Starts Today. You can fund every Democratic nominee running for the Legislature and support a strong state party at the same time with a single monthly contribution. [Our philosophy is to leave no Democrat](#)

[behind - join us today!](#)

IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

- Ongoing - [Fill out the U.S. Census and be counted!](#)
- 6/2 - Municipal Elections (in many counties and cities across the state)
- 6/12 - [Virtual State Convention "Welcome Night"](#)
- 6/13 - [Virtual State Convention](#)
- 8/4 - Primary Election
- 8/17 - Democratic National Convention - Milwaukee, WI
- 9/12 - Quarter 3 State Committee Meeting - St. Louis
- 9/12 - Truman Dinner - St. Louis
- 10/7 - Last day to register to vote
- 11/3 - Election Day!

We look forward to seeing you for State Convention on June 12th & 13th!

Stay safe and please wear your masks out in public and wash your hands often.

Solidarity,

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