



## Idaho

### Potential Challenges

Idaho anticipates poll worker shortages as many counties rely on volunteers who are in at-risk categories for COVID-19. State officials have also expressed concern about the spread of misinformation, particularly related to election locations and mail-in ballots. Additionally, during the mail-in primary election, the Secretary of State's (SoS) office implemented a new platform to aggregate security reports from county election offices. Several counties encountered election reporting challenges with Tenex election software when reporting county results to the state which may again present challenges in the general election. Local jurisdictions in Idaho have a high level of autonomy and some jurisdictions do not have strong relationships with the state.

### COVID-19 Considerations

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Idaho passed a law allowing election officials to distribute mail-in ballots beginning 30 days before the election (October 4, 2020) and processing ballots seven days before the election (October 27, 2020). Idaho officials are encouraging voters to utilize no-excuse mail-in voting but are conducting in-person voting at regular precincts on Election Day. There will be requirements for masks, social distancing, and availability of hand sanitizer per the state, county, and city ordinances at in-person voting locations. These requirements will align with the guidance and requirements set forth by the Idaho Health and Welfare Department under delegation of the Governor.

### State Elections Background

- **Voter Registration System:** Top-Down
- **Voting Type:** Paper Ballots; DREs without VVPAT
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the state level:**
  - Last Mile: 2020 Election Security Snapshot Poster and Election Day Emergency Response Guide delivered
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the local level:**  
(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)
- **DHS Sponsored Security Clearances:** Idaho  
(b)(7)(E)
- **Albert Sensor:** Yes  
(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)
- **County-level information:** 18% of locals are members of EI-ISAC.
- **Polling Hours:** 8:00am - 8:00pm (MT)
- **Official Election Website:**  
<https://sos.idaho.gov/elections-division/>

### Risk Assessment and Indicators

- **Voter Registration:** Idaho has a top-down voter registration system, meaning the state controls the input and management of the statewide voter registration database. From a risk perspective, this presents a single target which, if affected by an incident, could disrupt the voting process for a number of voters. Conversely, this model also offers some risk management advantages since states following the top-down model tend to have stronger cybersecurity postures than bottom-up states, based on availability of resources. The regular voter registration deadline is October 9, 2020. Mail-in voter registrations must be postmarked on or before October 9, 2020. Residents may also submit voter registration applications to the county clerk's office before 5:00pm (MT) or submit online applications until midnight on the day of registration deadline. Idaho provides Election Day registration.

- **Vote Casting:** Idaho uses paper ballots and DREs without VVPAT. Vote casting without VVPAT is higher risk due to the lack of software independence through a paper backup. On Election Day, most polling places will be open from 8:00am to 8:00pm (MT) but may open earlier if decided by the county.
  - **Mail-in Ballots:** Idaho allows no-excuse mail-in voting. Residents may request a mail-in ballot in writing from their county clerk. Mail-in ballot applications must be received by mail or in-person by October 23, 2020. Completed ballots must be returned to the county clerk by 8:00pm (MT) on Election Day.
- **Early Voting:** Idaho allows voters to vote in-person before Election Day at early voting sites beginning on October 19, 2020. Most counties designate the county courthouse or elections office as the early voting site. However, interested voters should contact their county clerk for locations, dates, and time for early voting in their county. Early voting ends in all counties at 5:00pm (MT) on October 30, 2020.

### Election Day Posture

- The Idaho Protective Security Advisor (PSA) will support the Idaho Fusion Center between 8:00am and 9:00pm (MT) on Election Day and will participate in discussion rooms on Election Day.
- The Idaho PSA will coordinate with the Deputy SoS on a regular basis to ensure effective communication and timely updates on voting throughout the state.





## Illinois

### Potential Challenges

Following Election Day, Illinois faces the potential for protests and heightened tensions that can potentially spur civil unrest, particularly in Chicago and neighboring suburbs. State and local law enforcement, CISA, and federal partners continue to share intelligence. CISA Region V, through outreach from Physical Security Advisors (PSA) and Cybersecurity Advisors (CSA) continue to engage with the Illinois State Election Task Force and Working Group on training, assessment requests, and information sharing.

### COVID-19 Considerations

On August 28, 2020 the Illinois Department of Public Health issued "COVID-19 Guidance for Election Polling Places" to protect the safety and health of voters as they vote in-person during early voting and on Election Day. In accordance with the guidance, all local election authorities are to develop written COVID-19 prevention plans for all polling sites within their jurisdiction. Plans will contain specific COVID-19 safety and training instructions and the names of individuals responsible for implementing the plan. Illinois election officials have also been encouraging voters to utilize mail-in voting or to vote early. On June 16, 2020, the Illinois Governor signed into law several election reforms in response to COVID-19. The law includes a plan to send all voters who participated in an election since 2018 a mail-in ballot application; allows 16-year-olds to serve as election judges; and makes Election Day a state holiday, which enables state and local government employees to serve as poll workers. The law also requires counties to offer expanded early voting hours and curbside voting during the early voting period.

### State Elections Background

- **Voter Registration System:** Bottom Up
- **Voting Type:** Paper Ballots; DREs with VVPAT
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the state level:**

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- Last Mile: 2020 Last Mile State-Level Election Security Snapshot Poster delivered; 2020 County-Level Election Security Snapshot Poster delivered; 2020 State-Level Election Day Emergency Response Guide delivered

- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the local level:**

- AIS: One county in 2016
- CRR: One county in 2018
- CIS: One county in 2018

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- **DHS Sponsored Security Clearances:** Illinois

(b)(7)(E)

- **Albert Sensor:** Yes (b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- **County-level Information:** 100% of locals are members of EI-ISAC.
- **Polling Hours:** 6:00am-7:00pm (CT)
- **Official Election Website:**  
<https://www.elections.il.gov/>

## Risk Assessment and Indicators

- **Voter Registration:** Illinois has a bottom-up registration system, meaning local jurisdictions control the input and management of voter registration. Jurisdictions transmit data on a daily basis to the statewide database. From a risk perspective, bottom-up states tend to have weaker, less consistent cybersecurity postures relative to top-down states based on availability of resources. Conversely, the advantage of the bottom-up model is it lacks a single target which, if affected by an incident, could disrupt check-in at a statewide scale. The in-person voter registration deadline is October 6, 2020. The online voter registration deadline is October 18, 2020. Illinois also allows "grace period" registration from October 7, 2020 to November 3, 2020 where residents can register to vote at a limited number of polling locations if they bring two forms of ID with at least one that has a current address. These "grace period" registrants can vote the same day that they register. Active military and overseas voters may submit their voter registration and completed ballot at the same time.
- **Vote Casting:** Illinois uses paper ballots and DREs with VVPAT. Ensuring there is an auditable record provides election officials with the ability to verify that the outcomes of the election are correct. On Election Day, polling places will be open from 6:00am (CT) to 7:00pm (CT). Mail-in ballots must be postmarked November 3, 2020 and received by the voter's county election office by November 17, 2020. Voters may also return their mail-in ballots in-person at their local election office. The deadline for in-person submission of mail-in ballots is November 3, 2020.
  - **Mail-in Ballots:** All registered voters are eligible to use mail-in voting. Applications are required and must be received by the voter's county clerk by October 29, 2020 if submitted by mail or online, or on November 2, 2020 if returned in-person. Once the application is approved, the county clerk will mail a postage prepaid mail-in ballot with instructions and materials to the voter. In June 2020, the Illinois Governor signed into a law a mandate to all counties to automatically send all voters who participated in an election since 2018 a mail-in ballot application.
- **Early Voting:** Illinois will allow early in-person voting. Timelines vary by county, but most early voting begins on September 24, 2020 and ends on November 2, 2020. Exact early voting polling hours and locations are determined at the county level and will be published on the state's election website on September 17, 2020 and refreshed weekly. All counties are required to have early polling locations open from at least 8:30am (CT) to 7:00pm (CT) on weekdays and from 9:00am (CT) to 5:00pm (CT) on the weekends and holidays.

## Election Day Posture

- PSA (b)(6) will support General Election on-site at the Statewide Terrorism and Intelligence Center (STIC) in Springfield, IL.
- CSA (b)(6) will be remotely supporting the State Board of Election and STIC HSIN Connect Room.
- CISA Region V Operations, Regional Director, Chicago District PSAs, and RPSA will be monitoring remotely (Chicago) and standing by if support is requested.
- CISA Region V Operations will also participate in multiple chat rooms, dashboards, and collaboration sites during the voting period to monitor election activities, including the ESI dashboard that will be used to communicate directly with CISA Headquarters.





## Indiana

### Potential Challenges

Indiana faces poll worker and staff shortages in order to operate polling places and to count the record number of expected mail-in ballots. The Secretary of State (SoS) expects voters to request as many as 1.3-1.8 million mail-in ballots even while normal, in-person election procedures resume. Counties are working with local post offices to design envelopes that clearly identify mail-in ballots to ensure their speedy delivery ahead of deadlines. A federal appeals court ruled in early October 2020 that mail-in ballots must be returned by noon on Election Day. This ruling overturns a previous ruling by a lower federal court that mail-in ballots must be postmarked on or before November 3, 2020 and received on or before November 13, 2020. The change in return deadline relatively close to Election Day may cause confusion among some voters. The SoS previously advised voters to mail applications for mail-in ballots no later than October 19, 2020 and return their voted ballots to their county elections office by October 27, 2020. In a departure from election procedures during the primary election in June, state election officials have not extended no-excuse mail-in voting for the General Election, which could result in confusion among some voters. Furthermore, pending lawsuits against the state could complicate voters' understanding of their options, particularly if the lawsuits are resolved in favor of extending mail-in voting to all voters. Indiana has made a strong effort to inform voters of election security measures put into place and has contracted with a third-party vendor to prevent intrusion into state and county computer systems.

### COVID-19 Considerations

Indiana will move forward with a normal election process, with state election officials citing that the Governor's Executive Order for residents to stay at home has been lifted. Under the state's plan, voter concern about COVID-19 does not qualify as an excuse to utilize mail-in voting. The SoS advises voters who are concerned about waiting in a line to vote on Election Day to vote early in person. County election board offices will be open 28 days before the election (October 6, 2020), including the two weekends prior, to all voters without requiring an excuse. The Indiana National Guard will distribute supplies to each of 92 counties prior to the start of early voting. The SoS has procured adequate PPE for both poll workers and voters on Election Day including N95 masks for poll workers and face masks for voters. Polling places will have hand sanitizer for poll workers and disinfectant for voting equipment and poll books. Marion County, Indiana's largest county in which voters experienced long waits up to three hours during the primary elections, has announced that both Bankers Life Field House and Lucas Oil Stadium will serve as vote centers on Election Day.

### State Elections Background

- **Voter Registration System:** Top-Down
- **Voting Type:** Paper Ballot; DREs with VVPAT; DREs without VVPAT
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the state level:**

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

Security Snapshot Poster delivered; 2020 State-Level Election Security Snapshot delivered
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the local level:**
  - None
- **DHS Sponsored Security Clearances:**

(b)(7)(E)
- **Albert Sensor: Yes,**

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)
- **Local EI-ISAC Membership:** 8% of locals are members of EI-ISAC.



- **Polling Hours:** 6:00am – 6:00pm local time (CT and ET)
- **Official Election Website:** [www.in.gov/sos/elections](http://www.in.gov/sos/elections)

### Risk Assessment and Indicators

- **Voter Registration:** Indiana has a top-down voter registration system, meaning the state controls the input and management of the statewide voter registration database. From a risk perspective, this presents a single target which, if affected by an incident, could disrupt the voting process for a number of voters. Conversely, this model also offers some risk management advantages since states following the top-down model tend to have stronger cybersecurity postures than bottom-up states, based on availability of resources. The voter registration deadline is October 5, 2020 by mail or online.
- **Vote Casting:** Indiana uses paper ballots; DREs with VVPAT; and DREs without VVPAT. Vote casting without VVPAT is higher risk due to the lack of software independence through a paper backup. On Election Day, vote centers will be open between 6:00am and 6:00pm local time (CT and ET) across the state.
  - **Mail-in Ballots:** Only voters with an eligible excuse may use mail-in voting. Eligible excuses do not include fears related to COVID-19, a significant reduction in eligibility compared to the most recent Indiana primary election. Mail-in ballots must be requested by October 22, 2020. A federal appeals court ruled in early October 2020 that mail-in ballots must be returned by noon on Election Day. This ruling overturns a previous ruling by a lower federal court that mail-in ballots must be postmarked on or before November 3, 2020 and received on or before November 13, 2020. The SoS has previously advised voters to mail applications for mail-in ballots no later than October 19, 2020 and return their voted ballots to their county elections office by October 27, 2020.
- **Early Voting:** Indiana offers in-person absentee voting starting October 6, 2020, including the two weekends prior to Election Day.

### Election Day Posture

- Protective Security Advisor (PSA) (b)(6) will support Indiana elections on-site at the State Emergency Center.
- Cybersecurity Advisor (b)(6) will support remotely by monitoring the State Board of Election HSIN Connect Room.
- CISA Region V Operations, Regional Director, and Regional PSA will monitor remotely (Chicago) and stand by if support is requested.
- CISA Region V Operations will also participate in multiple chat rooms, dashboards, and collaboration sites during the voting period to monitor election activities, including the ESI internal dashboard that will be used to communicate directly with CISA Headquarters.



## Iowa

**Potential Challenges**

The Iowa Governor signed a bill that denies election officials the ability to use voter databases to confirm missing information on mail-in ballot requests. Election officials now must contact requesters by phone or email within 24 hours to collect missing information. If phone and email contact is unsuccessful, county auditors must mail a letter to the requestor. Many election officials were opposed to the bill, arguing that it adds complexities to existing processes. The Iowa Secretary of State (SoS) has released guidance saying that counties cannot use drop boxes during the 2020 election, despite their use in many counties during previous elections including the 2020 presidential primary. Instead, the state has instructed counties to establish "no-contact delivery systems for use during regular business hours." The drop box guidance may cause confusion among election officials and voters. CISA field staff distributed Ballot Drop Box Guidance to the SoS and referenced it during the last SVTC.

**COVID-19 Considerations**

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Iowa SoS announced that he will be sending all active registered voters a mail-in ballot application. The Iowa SoS distributed PPE to counties including face shields, masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, and social distancing markers for use at the polls. Additionally, the SoS is supplying funds for counties to purchase additional PPE, supplies, training, and for disinfecting resources at polling places.

**State Elections Background**

- **Voter Registration System:** Top-Down
- **Voting Type:** Paper Ballots
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the state level:**

(b)(3);6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- Last Mile: 2018 State Election Security Snapshot Poster delivered

- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the local level:**

(b)(3);6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

(b)(3);6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- **DHS Sponsored Security Clearances:** Iowa

(b)(7)(E)

- **Albert Sensor:** Yes.

(b)(3);6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

(b)(3);6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- **County-level information:** 95% of locals are members of EI-ISAC.

- **Polling Hours:** 7:00 am-9:00 pm (CT)

- **Official Election Website:**

<https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/electioninfo/general/index.html>

**Risk Assessment and Indicators**

- **Voter Registration:** Iowa has a top-down voter registration system, meaning the state controls the input and management of the statewide voter registration database. From a risk perspective, this presents a single target which, if affected by an incident, could disrupt the voting process for a number of voters. Conversely, this model also offers some risk management advantages since states following the top-down model tend to have stronger cybersecurity postures than bottom-up states, based on availability of resources. The regular voter registration deadline is October 24, 2020. Election Day registration is

available at polling places for those who miss the pre-registration deadline. Voter registration deadlines do not apply to military and overseas voters.

- **Vote Casting:** Iowa uses paper ballots. Ensuring there is an auditable record provides election officials with the ability to verify that the outcomes of the election are correct. On Election Day, polling places will be open from 7:00am (CT) to 9:00pm (CT) statewide. Mail-in ballots must be received by the county auditor's office by the close of polls on Election Day. Mail-in ballots received after the close of polls on Election Day must be postmarked on or before November 2, 2020 and be received by the county auditor's office no later than 12:00pm (CT) on November 9, 2020 to be considered valid. Voted mail-in ballots cannot be delivered to the polling place on Election Day.
  - **Mail-in Ballots:** Requests to receive a mail-in ballot must be received by the county auditor's office by 5:00pm (CT) on October 23, 2020. Iowa recommends submitting mail-in ballot requests as soon as possible to allow for enough time for return. Mail-in ballots for military/UOCAVA voters are available no later than September 18, 2020. For military voters, requests for mail-in ballots must be received by 5:00pm (CT) on October 30, 2020 and requests for to receive a ballot electronically by email or fax must be received by close of business on November 2, 2020. Requests for mail-in ballots that are unlikely to be returned by mail on time will include a notification with the provided ballot.
- **Early Voting:** Iowa will allow early mail-in ballots to be cast in person before the election. In-person absentee ballots will be available at the county auditor's office between October 5, 2020 and November 2, 2020 during normal business hours.

### Election Day Posture

- The Iowa Protective Security Advisor and Cybersecurity Advisor will continue to provide support leading up to and on Election Day including threat and incident monitoring/reporting.
- Region VII staff will be actively coordinating information and reporting.





## Kansas

### Potential Challenges

Local election officials in Kansas have faced limited travel, limited staffing, and competing priorities which has created challenges related to information sharing between the Kansas election community and CISA. However, CISA field staff regularly coordinate with the Secretary of State (SoS) and the state Director of Elections. CISA is also included in the state communications plan, which has been activated numerous times over the past three years.

### COVID-19 Considerations

Since 1996, Kansas has allowed voters to cast mail-in ballots without an excuse. Due to COVID-19, the Kansas SoS expanded the state mail-in voting process to send applications for mail-in ballots to registered voters for the primary elections and has updated the SoS website to allow voters to track the status of mail ballot applications. For the General Election, counties will send applications for mail-in ballots as well as postcard notifications explaining how to apply for a mail-in ballot to encourage residents to vote in advance by mail to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and mitigate long lines on Election Day.

### State Elections Background

- **Voter Registration System:** Top-Down
- **Voting Type:** Paper Ballots; DREs with VVPAT; DREs without VVPAT
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the state level:**  
(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the local level:**  
(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)
- **DHS Sponsored Security Clearances:**  
(b)(7)(E)
- **Albert Sensor:** Yes (b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)  
(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)
- **County-level Information:** 64% of locals are members of EI-ISAC.
- **Polling Hours:** 7:00am-7:00pm (CT)
- **Official Election Website:**  
<https://sos.ks.gov/elections/elections.html>

### Risk Assessment and Indicators

- **Voter Registration:** Kansas has a top-down voter registration system, meaning the state controls the input and management of the statewide voter registration database. From a risk perspective, this presents a single target which, if affected by an incident, could disrupt the voting process for a number of voters. Conversely, this model also offers some risk management advantages since states following the top-down model tend to have stronger cybersecurity postures than bottom-up states, based on availability of resources. Kansas allows voter registration applications to be submitted online, by mail, or in-person. Residents may register online using a valid Kansas driver's license or non-driver's identification card. Residents without a valid driver's license or non-driver's identification must use a paper application to register to vote. The regular voter registration deadline is October 13, 2020. Voter registration forms submitted by mail must be returned to the county election office and postmarked on or before October 13, 2020. Kansas does not allow Election Day voter registration.
- **Vote Casting:** Kansas uses paper ballots; DREs with VVPAT; and DREs without VVPAT. Vote casting without VVPAT is higher risk due to the lack of software independence through a paper backup. On

Election Day, polling places will be open from 7:00am to 7:00pm (CT); however, state law allows counties to open polling places as early as 6:00am (CT) and close as late as 8:00pm (CT).

- **Mail-in Ballots:** Kansas allows no excuse, mail-in advance voting. Residents must complete an application for an advance ballot and submit to the county election office by October 27, 2020. Ballots will be mailed to applicants beginning October 14, 2020. Returned ballots must be postmarked on or before November 2, 2020 and returned to the county election office by the close of business on November 6, 2020 to be valid.
- **Early Voting:** Kansas allows in-person advance voting at county election offices and satellite locations up to 20 days before an election which may begin October 14, 2020. All counties must offer in-person advance voting by October 27, 2020. The deadline for in-person advance voting is 12:00pm (CT) November 2, 2020.

### Election Day Posture

- CISA Region VII continues to maintain a heightened state of operations readiness to respond to events and incidents affecting the election and supporting infrastructures. The Protective Security Advisor (PSA) and Cybersecurity Advisor (CSA) remain in close contact with the Kansas SoS Office, Kansas Intelligence Fusion Center (KIFC), Kansas National Guard, DHS counterparts, FBI and all relevant election partners.
- On Election Day, PSA<sup>(b)(6)</sup> will deploy to the FBI Kansas City Command Post. CSA<sup>(b)(6)</sup> will be remotely monitoring and standing by if support is requested. CISA Region VII staff will be actively coordinating information and reporting.



## Kentucky

### Potential Challenges

The Kentucky Secretary of State (SoS) and Governor had ongoing public disagreements about utilizing a no-excuse mail-in voting model for the General Election prior to issuing an executive order in mid-August. Kentucky announced they will allow COVID-19 as a valid excuse to utilize mail-in voting. There is also an ongoing lawsuit by several Kentucky voting rights groups asking a judge to require election officials to keep the same rules they implemented for the presidential primary. The leadership disagreements and lawsuits may cause confusion among some voters without a widespread public messaging campaign clarifying how the commonwealth will administer the general election. Kentucky is facing a shortage of poll workers for the general election and the SoS has called on young people to volunteer.

### COVID-19 Considerations

Kentucky will allow COVID-19 as a valid excuse to utilize mail-in voting although it will not “encourage” voters to do so. Voters in some counties have already experienced delays in receiving their ballots in the previous primary elections as election officials and staff process a significant increase in requests. Mail-in ballots must be postmarked by Election Day and received by November 6, 2020. Kentucky has added in-person early voting beginning October 13, 2020, Monday through Saturday. At least one drop box is in place in each county. Kentucky voters who were unable to get a driver’s license or photo ID due to the pandemic because their clerk’s office was closed, or because they were afraid of exposing themselves to COVID-19, can sign a document explaining this concern to cast their ballot. Kentucky has also added an online portal to request mail-in ballots.

### State Elections Background

- **Voter Registration System:** Top-Down
- **Voting Type:** Paper Ballots; DREs without VVPAT
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the commonwealth level:**

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- Last Mile: 2020 State-Level Election Security Snapshot Poster delivered; 2020 County-Level Snapshot Posters delivered;

2020 Election Day Emergency Response Guide delivered

- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the local level:** None
- **DHS Sponsored Security Clearances:**

(b)(7)(E)

- **Albert Sensor:** Yes (b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)
- **County-level Information:** 23% of locals are members of EI-ISAC.
- **Polling Hours:** 6:00am-6:00pm (ET)
- **Official Election Website:** [www.elect.ky.gov](http://www.elect.ky.gov)

### Risk Assessment and Indicators

- **Voter Registration:** Kentucky has a top-down voter registration system, meaning the commonwealth controls the input and management of the commonwealth-wide voter registration database. From a risk perspective, this presents a single target which, if affected by an incident, could disrupt the voting process



for a number of voters. Conversely, this model also offers some risk management advantages since states following the top-down model tend to have stronger cybersecurity postures than bottom-up states, based on availability of resources. The online, mail-in, and in-person voter registration deadline is October 5, 2020.

- **Vote Casting:** Kentucky uses paper ballots and DREs without VVPAT. Vote casting without VVPAT is higher risk due to the lack of software independence through a paper backup. On Election Day, most polling places will be open from 6:00am-6:00pm (ET). Voters in line by 6:00pm will be permitted to vote. Polling places in the Central Time Zone will also be open from 6:00am-6:00pm (CT).
  - **Mail-in Ballots:** The deadline to request a mail-in ballot is Tuesday, October 27, 2020. Mail-in ballots must be returned by the close of polls on Election Day.
- **Early Voting:** Due to COVID-19, Kentucky has added in-person early voting beginning October 13, 2020. Mail-in ballots must be returned by close of polls on Election Day.

### Election Day Posture

- Supervisor Protective Security Advisor (SPSA) (b)(6) will provide in-person support at the Kentucky SoS Office.
- Cybersecurity Advisor (b)(6) will provide virtual support for Kentucky on Election Day.
- Regional Director Robinson, Regional Sector Outreach Coordinator (b)(6) and Regional Operations Manager (b)(6) will be providing virtual support to all Region IV states.



## Louisiana

### Potential Challenges

Louisiana voters must qualify for a mail-in ballot for the General Election, unlike the presidential primary where all voters could request a mail-in ballot. The change in procedure may cause confusion for some voters who may be expecting to apply for a mail-in ballot but do not meet the state's eligibility requirements. Additionally, COVID-19 may lead to logistical challenges including the availability of polling places, commissioners, election officials, PPE, and sanitization supplies for in-person voting.

### COVID-19 Considerations

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Louisiana Secretary of State (SoS) released an emergency plan for the General Election. The plan stipulates that a positive COVID-19 test result qualifies voters to receive a mail-in ballot. This has been met with backlash as activists argue insufficient and untimely testing will prevent thousands from voting. Voters may still vote in person during early voting from October 16, 2020–October 27, 2020 or on Election Day. The early voting period was expanded from seven to ten days and hours have been expanded due to COVID-19. During the presidential primary, the state allowed all voters to apply for mail-in ballots. For the General Election, voters must qualify for a mail-in ballot to apply including those who have tested positive for COVID-19. The request will go into the Statewide Voter Registration System and then be routed to the voter's parish registrar, who will send out the ballot. Voters will be strongly encouraged to wear protective face coverings, but they will not be turned away from the polls for failure to wear them. Disposable masks will be available to voters at all early voting locations and Election Day polling places.

### State Elections Background

- **Voter Registration System:** Top-Down
- **Voting Type:** DREs without VVPAT
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the state level:**  
(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the local level:**  
(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)
- **DHS Sponsored Security Clearances:**  
(b)(7)(E)
- **Albert Sensor:** Yes (b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)
- **County-level information:** 3% of locals are members of EI-ISAC.
- **Polling Hours:** 6:00am–8:00pm (CT)
- **Official Election Website:**  
<https://www.sos.la.gov/ElectionsAndVoting/Pages/default.aspx>

### Risk Assessment and Indicators

- **Voter Registration:** Louisiana has a top-down voter registration system, meaning the state controls the input and management of the statewide voter registration database. From a risk perspective, this presents a single target which, if affected by an incident, could disrupt the voting process for a number of voters. Conversely, this model also offers some risk management advantages since states following the top-down model tend to have stronger cybersecurity postures than bottom-up states, based on availability of resources. The voter registration deadline is October 5, 2020 for in-person and mail-in registration. Online registrations will be open until 11:59pm (CT) on October 13, 2020.

- **Vote Casting:** Louisiana uses DREs without VVPAT. Zero percent of Louisiana voters voting at a polling location are voting using systems with VVPAT. Vote casting without VVPAT is higher risk due to the lack of software independence through a paper backup. On Election Day, polling places will be open from 6:00am (CT) to 8:00pm (CT). Currently, Louisiana is one of six states that still require voters provide a reason to utilize mail-in voting for the 2020 General Election. Regular completed mail-in ballots must be received by the voter's parish registrar's office by 4:30pm (CT) on November 2, 2020. Completed mail-in ballots by military personnel and/or their dependents, U.S. citizens residing outside the U.S., or voters that are hospitalized must be received by the voter's parish registrar of voters by 8:00pm (CT) on November 3, 2020. Voters can mail their completed ballot or the voter or an immediate family member can return them to the parish registrar of voters in-person.
  - **Mail-in Ballots:** Voters must qualify for mail-in voting and apply for a ballot. Regular applications must be received by the voter's parish registrar by 4:30pm (CT) on October 30, 2020. Military personnel and/or their dependents, U.S. citizens residing abroad, or voters that are hospitalized must request their ballot by 4:30pm (CT) on November 2, 2020. Once the application is approved, the county clerk will mail a postage prepaid mail-in ballot with instructions and materials to the voter.
- **Early Voting:** Louisiana will allow early in-person voting from October 16, 2020-October 27, 2020, excluding Sunday, October 25, 2020. Early voting will be available at the parish registrar or designated community voting location from 8:30am (CT) to 6:00pm (CT). All voters are eligible to vote early.

### Election Day Posture

- Protective Security Advisor (PSA) (b)(6) will support the Louisiana SoS as required (physical or virtual), including participating in HSIN Connect chatrooms.
- PSA (b)(6) will coordinate with the Region VI Incident Support Group to share election security information. PSAs will communicate any threat information to the State Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) and SoS CISO.
- PSA (b)(6) is coordinating with the State's Election Integrity Working Group, which includes the FBI, National Guard Bureau, and Fusion Center.





## Maine

### Potential Challenges

Potential challenges may include mailing and returning ballots on-time because of the state's rural nature; long lines; and tabulation delays, especially since Maine for the first time will be using ranked choice voting for the Presidential election. The Maine Supreme Court ruled that ranked choice voting will be used in the Presidential Election, but the Maine GOP is exploring further options for review by the federal courts. A change to this policy could result in confusion for some voters. A group of voters has sued the state and several municipalities, arguing that the state violated federal law by not providing an electronic alternative to paper ballots for people who are visually impaired and wish to utilize mail-in voting.

### COVID-19 Considerations

The state's decision to allow voters during the July primary election to pick up mail-in ballots until the close of polls (several days longer than in past elections) led to confusion in smaller cities and towns. These cities and towns had to accommodate voters at city halls and at polling places while the state received a record number of mail-in ballot requests. Election officials reported a shortage of poll workers amidst COVID-19 concerns during the July primary as well. Officials responded by encouraging voters to cast mail-in ballots and consolidating polling places. Maine passed an Executive Order to allow mail-in ballot processing to begin seven days before the general election (October 27, 2020) and allow in-person absentee voting up to the second business day before Election Day (October 30, 2020). Municipalities may change polling locations up to 60 days prior to the election with the Governor's approval. Maine has instituted a 50-person gathering limit in each voting space within a polling location. This mandate is to promote physical distancing and requires voter lines outside polling places to be marked with signage to enforce distancing.

### State Elections Background

- **Voter Registration System:** Top-Down
- **Voting Type:** Paper Ballots
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the state level:** None
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the local level:** None
- **DHS Sponsored Security Clearances:** Maine (b)(7)(E)
- **Albert Sensor:** Yes (b)(3);6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)
- **Polling Hours:** 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. (ET)
- **Local EI-ISAC Membership:** <1% of locals are members of EI-ISAC.
- **Official Election Website:** <https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/>

### Risk Assessment and Indicators

- **Voter Registration:** Maine has a top-down voter registration system, meaning the state controls the input and management of the statewide voter registration database. From a risk perspective, this presents a single target which, if affected by an incident, could disrupt in the voting process for a number of voters. Conversely, this model also offers some risk management advantages since states following the top-down model tend to have stronger cybersecurity postures than bottom-up states, based on availability of resources. The regular voter registration deadline is October 13, 2020 although voters may register in person through Election Day, including same-day registration.

- **Vote Casting:** Maine uses paper ballots. Ensuring there is an auditable record provides election officials with the ability to verify that the outcomes of the election are correct. On Election Day, most polling places will be open from 6:00am to 8:00pm (ET), although poll opening times vary by locality between 6:00am and 10:00pm (ET). Maine is a split electoral vote state – they use the “congressional district method”, allocating two electoral votes to the state popular vote winner (representing the two senatorial votes), and one electoral vote to the popular vote winner in each Congressional district. Only Maine and Nebraska allocate electoral college votes this way.
  - **Mail-in Ballots:** Maine offers no-excuse mail-in voting to all voters. Mail-in ballots must be requested by October 31, 2020 and must be received by the close of polls on Election Day.
- **Early Voting:** Maine will allow early in-person absentee voting at the municipal clerks’ offices ahead of Election Day as soon as mail-in ballots are ready, beginning as early as October 4, 2020 and ending October 30, 2020.

### Election Day Posture

- CISA Region I will assume a heightened state of operational readiness to respond to events and incidents affecting the election and supporting infrastructures. CISA Region I will be monitoring remotely and standing by if support is requested. The Protective Security Advisor, Cybersecurity Advisor, and Regional Team will remain in close contact with the Maine Secretary of State’s Office, Maine Information and Analysis Center (MIAC), Maine National Guard, DHS counterparts, FBI, and all relevant election partners on Election Day.



## Maryland

### Potential Challenges

The president of the Maryland Association of Election Officials reported on August 5, 2020 that the state's roster of election judges has decreased 40%, representing a shortage of approximately 14,000 judges needed to have all in-person voting locations operational. Election officials have proposed significantly consolidating polling locations to address this issue. The Maryland Governor, however, has requested all polling locations remain open. Election officials have reported difficulty obtaining the printing capacity to send all voters mail-in ballot applications as the governor has requested. Maryland's primary on June 2, 2020 faced significant challenges, including delayed tabulation, misprinted ballots, voters receiving their ballots late or not receiving them at all, and one county receiving ballots written exclusively in Spanish. Election officials anticipate similar challenges in conducting the General Election under the current plan proposed by the governor. Additionally, during the February Special Election, the state experienced e-pollbook connectivity issues. The e-pollbook challenges have been rectified and will be in use for the General Election. Deadlines and in-person voting options may potentially change before November as debate between the governor's office and the state's leading election officials remains ongoing. Due to issues in ballot printing in the primary, Maryland decided to split ballots between two vendors. The vendor that printed the primary ballots did not print ballots for the General Election, requiring the state to use the new vendor for all its ballots.

### COVID-19 Considerations

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, Maryland has decided to send mail-in ballot applications to all registered voters. The Maryland Governor has also urged election officials to keep every in-person voting place and early-voting site open. However, because of poll worker and election judge shortages, this may be difficult.

### State Elections Background

- **Voter Registration System:** Top-Down
- **Voting Type:** Paper Ballots
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the state level:**

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- Last Mile: 2020 State-Level Election Security Snapshot Poster delivered; 2020 County-Level Election Security Snapshot

Poster delivered; 2020 Election Day  
Emergency Response Guide delivered

- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the local level:**

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- **DHS Sponsored Security Clearances:**

(b)(7)(E)

- **Albert Sensor: Yes** (b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- **County-level Information:** 100% of locals are members of EI-ISAC.
- **Polling Hours:** 7:00am-8:00pm (ET)
- **Official Election Website:**  
<https://elections.maryland.gov/index.html>



## Risk Assessment and Indicators

- **Voter Registration:** Maryland has a top-down voter registration system, meaning the state controls the input and management of the statewide voter registration database. From a risk perspective, this presents a single target which, if affected by an incident, could disrupt the voting process for a number of voters. Conversely, this model also offers some risk management advantages since states following the top-down model tend to have stronger cybersecurity postures than bottom-up states, based on availability of resources. The regular voter registration deadline is October 13, 2020. Maryland also offers same-day registration, so voters can register at their early voting center or at the polling place on Election Day.
- **Vote Casting:** Maryland uses paper ballots. Ensuring there is an auditable record provides election officials with the ability to verify that the outcomes of the election are correct. On Election Day, most polling places will be open from 7:00am (ET) to 8:00pm (ET). Voters are encouraged to use mail-in voting due to the COVID-19 outbreak. All mail-in ballots must be received by the voter's local board of elections by 8:00pm (ET) on November 3, 2020 if delivered by hand. Mailed ballots must be postmarked on or before November 3, 2020 and received by 10:00am (ET) on November 13, 2020.
  - **Mail-in Ballots:** All Maryland voters are eligible to use mail-in voting. Applications are required and can be downloaded from the state election website and will also be mailed to all registered voters. Voters can mail, email, or drop off their completed applications at their local election office. Completed applications must be received by October 20, 2020. Once the application is approved, the county clerk will send the voter a ballot either by mail, fax, or a download link from the state's election website. Voters select their preferred method in their mail-in voting application.
- **Early Voting:** Maryland will allow early in-person voting from October 26, 2020 through November 2, 2020. Early voting will be available at the county courthouse, annex, or designated community voting location from 8:00am (ET) to 8:00pm (ET) each day.

## Election Day Posture

- CISA personnel will provide virtual support to election stakeholders via chatrooms and online platforms.



## Massachusetts

### Potential Challenges

Massachusetts administers elections at the township and city level, not at the county level. This means there is an increased number of local election officials, many of whom work part time and have very limited resources. Massachusetts manages this risk through greater commonwealth control and engagement. In February, before the presidential primary election, the Secretary of Commonwealth reported to federal partners an incident of suspicious, increased traffic to election websites.

### COVID-19 Considerations

Massachusetts will allow all voters to use mail-in ballots in the November General Election. State law requires the Secretary of Commonwealth to send mail-in ballot applications to voters by September 14, 2020 and to conduct a public awareness campaign about mail-in voting. The commonwealth is sending mail-in ballot applications in two iterations—the first on July 1, 2020 and the second on September 14, 2020. To vote by mail, voters must send their applications at least four business days before the election (October 30, 2020) and postmark their ballots by November 3, 2020. Clerks will accept ballots until 5:00pm ET on November 6, 2020, an extension of the usual ballot return deadline. To limit crowding at polling places, Massachusetts has added weekend voting to its in-person early voting period on October 17-18, 2020 and October 24-25, 2020.

### Commonwealth Elections Background

- **Voter Registration System:** Top-Down
- **Voting Type:** Paper Ballots
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the commonwealth level:**

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- Last Mile: 2020 State-Level Election Security Snapshot delivered

- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the local level:**

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- **DHS Sponsored Security Clearances:**

(b)(7)(E)

- **Albert Sensor:** Yes

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- **Local EI-ISAC Membership:** 9% of locals are members of EI-ISAC.
- **Polling Hours:** 7:00am – 8:00pm (ET)
- **Official Election Website:**

[www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/)

### Risk Assessment and Indicators

- **Voter Registration:** Massachusetts has a top-down voter registration system, meaning the commonwealth controls the input and management of the commonwealth-wide voter registration database. From a risk perspective, this presents a single target which, if affected by an incident, could disrupt the voting process for a number of voters. Conversely, this model also offers some risk management advantages since states following the top-down model tend to have stronger cybersecurity postures than bottom-up states, based on availability of resources. The voter registration deadline is October 14, 2020. Massachusetts has automatic voter registration.
- **Vote Casting:** Massachusetts uses paper ballots. Ensuring there is an auditable record provides election officials with the ability to verify that the outcomes of the election are correct. On Election Day, polling places will be open between 7:00am and 8:00pm (ET) across the commonwealth.

- **Mail-in Ballots:** Massachusetts has extended the ability to vote by mail to all voters for the general election due to COVID-19 concerns. The Secretary of Commonwealth will mail all voters a mail-in ballot application and conduct a public awareness campaign around voting by mail. The deadline for requesting a ballot is October 28, 2020. Voted ballots must be postmarked by Election Day and received by November 6, 2020.
- **Early Voting:** Massachusetts offers early, in-person voting from October 17, 2020 to October 30, 2020. This includes additional early voting days on the weekends of October 17-18, 2020 and October 24-25, 2020.

### Election Day Posture

- CISA Region I will assume a heightened state of operational readiness to respond to events and incidents affecting the election and supporting infrastructures. CISA Region I will be monitoring remotely and standing by if support is requested. The Protective Security Advisor (PSA) and Cybersecurity Advisor (CSA) will remain in close contact with the Massachusetts Secretary of Commonwealth Office, Commonwealth Fusion Center, DHS counterparts, FBI, and all relevant election partners on Election Day. The PSA and CSA may participate in the Massachusetts Election Day Situation Room.





## Michigan

### Potential Challenges

Michigan received national attention after their August statewide primary when reports of over 800 ballots from deceased individuals were cast. State officials noted the voters died after casting their ballot and thus their vote was not counted as outlined by Michigan law. This situation led to claims of voter fraud although no illegitimate votes were counted. This misinformation may lead to a lack of confidence in the Michigan mail-in voting process and cause confusion among some voters. Following the August primary, press reports indicated that 72% of the absentee voting precincts in Detroit had ballot counts that were out of balance by at least one vote. This means that the number of voters tracked in precinct poll books did not match the number of ballots counted. The state is currently investigating the discrepancy. There was a recent misinformation campaign targeting predominately African American communities in Michigan which falsely told voters that applying for a mail-in ballot would result in law enforcement tracking the individuals. This misinformation may lead to confusion, distrust, and lower turnout among some voters. The state is currently working to implement multifactor authentication on the voter registration database, but this may not be fully implemented by November 3, 2020.

### COVID-19 Considerations

Most jurisdictions in Michigan have started using new envelopes for mail-in ballots which are redesigned to help the United States Postal Service easily identify and swiftly process election mail. Notably, Detroit is still using older envelopes which may contribute to tabulation delays for a large number of votes. Although Michigan has had no-excuse mail-in voting since 2018, the state is sending mail-in ballot applications to every registered voter. State lawmakers passed a bill to allow cities with at least 25,000 people to start pre-processing absentee ballots before Election Day. To be permitted to pre-process ballots, local government clerk's offices had to notify the Michigan Secretary of State office by October 14, 2020. The bill also allows clerks to notify voters of any reason their vote will not be counted within 48 hours. The Michigan Governor signed the bill into law in early October. Additionally, Ford Field will house eight of 12 receiving boards in the City of Detroit to assist with processing ballots. In addition to the venue, the Detroit Lions are dedicating staff and other resources to support the general election. The Michigan Bureau of Elections (BOE) is providing PPE to all polling locations.

### State Elections Background

- **Voter Registration System:** Top-Down
- **Voting Type:** Paper Ballots
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the state level:**

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- Last Mile: 2020 State-Level Election Security Snapshot Poster delivered; 2020 Election Day Emergency Response Guide delivered

- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the local level:**

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- **DHS Sponsored Security Clearances:**

(b)(7)(E)

- **Albert Sensor:** Yes (b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- **County-level Information:** 5% of locals are members of EI-ISAC.
- **Polling Hours:** 7:00am-8:00pm (ET)

- **Official Election Website:**  
<https://www.michigan.gov/sos/>

### Risk Assessment and Indicators

- **Voter Registration:** Michigan has a top-down voter registration system, meaning the state controls the input and management of the statewide voter registration database. From a risk perspective, this presents a single target which, if affected by an incident, could disrupt the voting process for a number of voters. Conversely, this model also offers some risk management advantages since states following the top-down model tend to have stronger cybersecurity postures than bottom-up states, based on availability of resources. The voter registration deadline is October 4, 2020 and same-day registration is available.
- **Vote Casting:** Michigan uses paper ballots. Ensuring there is an auditable record provides election officials with the ability to verify that the outcomes of the election are correct. Polling places are open at 7:00am (ET) and close at 8:00pm (ET).
  - **Mail-in Ballots:** All Michigan voters are eligible for no-excuse mail-in voting. Voters may begin requesting mail-in ballots 40 days before the election (September 24, 2020) through 5:00pm (ET) the Friday before the election (October 30, 2020). Voters may request a mail-in ballot online, by mail, or in person. According to a federal appeals court ruling in mid-October, mail-in ballots must be received on Election Day.
- **Early Voting:** The only type of early voting Michigan offers is via the mail-in voting process. Voters may request and return their mail-in ballots beginning September 24, 2020 through November 17, 2020.

### Election Day Posture

- Cybersecurity Advisor (b)(6) will be with BOE and Department Technology, Management and Budget personnel the day of the election. Additional assistance will be provided leading up to this event.
- CISA Region V Operations, Regional Director, Protective Security Advisors (PSA) for Michigan, and the Regional PSA will be monitoring remotely (Chicago) and standing by if support is requested.
- CISA Region V Operations will also participate in multiple chat rooms, dashboards, and collaboration sites during the voting period to monitor election activities, including the ESI internal dashboard that will be used to communicate directly with CISA Headquarters.



## Minnesota

### Potential Challenges

Minnesota has experienced a relatively high turnover of county, city, and township election officials. By law, the Office of the Secretary of State (OSS) is required to train the county officials in even years. The OSS typically delivers training as a three-day offsite conference but conducted it virtually this year due to COVID-19. This turnover and virtual training may lead to election officials who are less familiar with policies, processes, and procedures. The Secretary of State (SoS) has advised it will take longer than past elections to tabulate votes and advises voters who wish to use mail-in voting to do so as early as possible. This includes dropping off their voted ballot at designated locations or election offices during early voting. Minnesota expects a surge in mail-in ballots for the General Election. At least two-thirds of voters in the spring primary elections cast ballots by mail.

### COVID-19 Considerations

A consent decree in place for the General Election changes mail-in ballot policies by removing the requirement that mail-in voting occur before a witness. It also extends the window in which voted ballots may be received to be counted. As long as ballots are postmarked by Election Day, they may be received by the county until seven days after the election (November 10, 2020). Existing statutes required ballots to be received by Election Day. Minnesota has divided federal CARES Act funds between OSS and the state's 87 counties. The OSS has designed a formula that counties may use to distribute their funds to cities and townships. Local funds will be used to purchase face masks for all poll workers and voters who do not wear their own as well as hand sanitizer and disinfectant for all polling places. The OSS is using its funds to encourage people to vote from home, including sending a mail-in voting application to voters who have not already applied or who live in mail ballot precincts. The OSS and Department of Health have developed guidance for polling place safety that includes social distancing. The legislature approved a law in May extending the deadline for establishing polling places from December 31, 2019 to July 1, 2020, allowing cities the ability to move polling locations from senior residential and assisted living facilities.

### State Elections Background

- **Voter Registration System:** Top-Down
- **Voting Type:** Paper Ballots
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the state level:**

(b)(3);6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- Last Mile: 2018 State Election Security Snapshot Poster delivered

- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the local level:**

(b)(3);6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- **DHS Sponsored Security Clearances:**

(b)(7)(E)

- **Albert Sensor:** Yes

(b)(3);6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

(b)(3);6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- **Local EI-ISAC Membership:** 75% of locals are members of EI-ISAC.
- **Polling Hours:** 7:00am – 8:00pm (CT)
- **Official Election Website:**

<https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/>



## Risk Assessment and Indicators

- **Voter Registration:** Minnesota has a top-down voter registration system, meaning the state controls the input and management of the statewide voter registration database. From a risk perspective, this presents a single target which, if affected by an incident, could disrupt the voting process for a number of voters. Conversely, this model also offers some risk management advantages since states following the top-down model tend to have stronger cybersecurity postures than bottom-up states, based on availability of resources. The voter registration deadline is October 13, 2020 by mail or online. Voters may also register in person during early voting or at the polling place on Election Day. This is a resilience measure if voter registration data is altered or deleted.
- **Vote Casting:** Minnesota uses paper ballots. Ensuring there is an auditable record provides election officials with the ability to verify that the outcomes of the election are correct. On Election Day, polling places will be open between 7:00am and 8:00pm (CT) across the state, although towns with fewer than 500 residents are not required to open until 10:00am (CT).
  - **Mail-in Ballots:** All Minnesota voters are eligible to use mail-in voting without an excuse. The mail-in ballot request deadline is November 2, 2020. Voted ballots must be postmarked by Election Day and received within seven days of the election (November 10, 2020). The OSS encourages voters to cast ballots by mail.
- **Early Voting:** Minnesota offers in-person absentee voting at county election offices and other designated city and town locations starting September 18, 2020.

## Election Day Posture

- Supervisory Protective Security Advisor (PSA) (b)(6) and Cybersecurity Advisor (b)(6) will be supporting the election virtually, actively monitoring and providing support with the ability to go to the Minnesota State Fusion Center or FBI as required.
- CISA Region V Operations, Regional Director, and Regional PSA will be monitoring remotely and standing by if support is requested.
- CISA Region V Operations will participate in multiple chat rooms, dashboards, and collaboration sites during the voting period to monitor election activities, including the ESI dashboard that will be used to communicate directly with CISA Headquarters.



## Mississippi

### Potential Challenges

The Mississippi Secretary of State (SoS) noted recently that there are 3.4 million registered voters but only 2.9 million residents in the state. The SoS has sent letters to election commissioners across the state encouraging them to “clean up” their voter rolls. This discrepancy may cause challenges with voter registration and check-in and may erode trust among some voters. Advocacy groups have filed a lawsuit against the SoS asking for the state to move to a no-excuse mail-in voting model.

### COVID-19 Considerations

Mississippi is requiring an excuse to utilize mail-in voting during the General Election. Fear of contracting COVID-19 is not a valid excuse. The state legislature voted to include voters who are ordered by a physician to quarantine due to COVID-19 or those who are caring for someone ordered to quarantine as valid excuses to utilize mail-in voting. The SoS has noted concern about significantly expanding mail-in voting as only 3.5% of ballots in the state are mailed during typical elections. Additionally, Mississippi is requiring that all voters wear a mask if they vote in person.

### State Elections Background

- **Voter Registration System:** Hybrid
- **Voting Type:** Paper Ballots; DREs with VVPAT; DREs without VVPAT
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the state level:**

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the local level:**
  - None

- **DHS Sponsored Security Clearances:**

(b)(7)(E)

- **Albert Sensor:** Yes

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- **County-level Information:** 10% of locals are members of EI-ISAC.
- **Polling Hours:** 7:00am-7:00pm (CT)
- **Official Election Website:**  
<https://www.sos.ms.gov/Elections-Voting/Pages/default.aspx>

### Risk Assessment and Indicators

- **Voter Registration:** Mississippi has a hybrid voter registration system, meaning the SoS oversees elections and local election offices transmit data to the state in real time. Hybrid models are a combination of top-down and bottom-up models including risk advantages and vulnerabilities. Mailed voter registration must be postmarked by October 5, 2020. Registration forms are available for download from the SoS website. In-person registration is available until October 5, 2020 at 12:00pm (CT). Registration is also available at the Department of Public Safety and other government agencies.
- **Vote Casting:** Mississippi uses paper ballots; DREs with VVPAT; and DREs without VVPAT. Vote casting without VVPAT is higher risk due to the lack of software independence through a paper backup. Polling places are open at 7:00am (CT) and close at 7:00pm (CT).
  - **Mail-in Ballots:** There is no mail-in ballot request deadline, but the state recommends submitting requests no later than October 27, 2020. Mail-in ballots must be received by 5:00pm (CT) on November 2, 2020.

- **Early Voting:** Mississippi does not offer in-person early voting options. Mail-in voting is the only type of early voting available.

### Election Day Posture

- Protective Security Advisor (b)(6) will provide in-person support to the Mississippi SoS Office on Election Day.
- Cybersecurity Advisor (b)(6) will provide virtual support to the Mississippi SoS Office on Election Day.
- Regional Director (b)(6) Regional Sector Outreach Coordinator Smith, and Regional Operations Manager (b)(6) will be providing virtual support to all Region IV states.





## Missouri

### Potential Challenges

While Missouri state law requires mail-in ballots to be notarized for free, recently passed legislation does not authorize free notarization for mail-in ballots. Voters may be challenged to obtain free notarization and should refer to the state's election website for a list of no-cost notary resources. The state continues to update list of no-cost notary resources, with several locations in highly populated areas.

### COVID-19 Considerations

Due to COVID-19, the Missouri Governor signed Senate Bill 631 on June 4, 2020 that authorized use of mail-in ballots for the August 4, 2020 primary and November General Election. Voters may utilize mail-in ballots with notarization of the ballot envelope. Voters in at-risk categories for contracting or transmitting COVID-19 are eligible to vote by mail-in ballot without obtaining notarization.

### State Elections Background

- **Voter Registration System:** Top-Down
- **Voting Type:** Paper Ballots; DREs with VVPAT
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the state level:**  
(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the local level:**
  - Vulnerability Scanning: Three localities in 2019
  - RVA: One locality in 2020
  - RPT: Two localities between 2019 and 2020
- **DHS Sponsored Security Clearances:**  
(b)(7)(E)
- **Albert Sensor:** Yes. (b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)
- **County-level Information:** 52% of locals are members of EI-ISAC.
- **Polling Hours:** 6:00am-7:00pm (CT)
- **Official Election Website:**  
<https://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/>

### Risk Assessment and Indicators

- **Voter Registration:** Missouri has a top-down voter registration system, meaning the state controls the input and management of the statewide voter registration database. From a risk perspective, this presents a single target which, if affected by an incident, could disrupt the voting process for a number of voters. Conversely, this model also offers some risk management advantages since states following the top-down model tend to have stronger cybersecurity postures than bottom-up states, based on availability of resources. Missouri allows voter registration applications to be submitted online, by mail, or in person. Residents may request a registration application to be mailed to them within 3-5 business days. The regular voter registration deadline is October 7, 2020. Voter registration forms submitted by mail must be returned to the local election authority and postmarked by October 7, 2020. Missouri does not allow same-day voter registration.
- **Vote Casting:** Missouri uses paper ballots and DREs with VVPAT. Ensuring there is an auditable record provides election officials with the ability to verify that the outcomes of the election are correct. On Election Day, polling places will be open from 6:00am to 7:00pm (CT).
  - **Mail-in Ballots:** Missouri allows excused mail-in voting for registered voters with one of seven reasons beginning September 22, 2020. Voters may request mail-in ballots from their local election authority in person, by mail, by fax, or by e-mail. Relatives within the second degree (spouse,

parents, and children) may complete a mail-in ballot application, in person, on behalf of the voter who wishes to utilize mail-in voting. Mail-in ballot requests must be received by the local election authority by 5:00pm (CT) on October 21, 2020. Voters may cast mail-in ballots in the office of the local election authority until 5:00pm (CT) on November 2, 2020. Mail-in ballots must be returned in the provided envelope, signed, and witnessed by a notary and received by 7:00pm (CT) on November 3, 2020 to be counted.

- **Early Voting:** Missouri does not offer an early voting period.

### Election Day Posture

- CISA Region VII continues to maintain a heightened state of operations readiness to respond to events and incidents affecting the election and supporting infrastructures.
- CISA Region VII is coordinating with state entities including the Secretary of State (SoS), State of Missouri Department of Public Safety, and the Missouri State Fusion Center and will be postured to assist state and local entities as needed on Election Day.
- On Election Day, the Missouri Protective Security Advisor will deploy to the SoS office accompanied by a state cyber representative, Social Media Analyst, State Fusion Center representative, DHS Intelligence Operations, and potentially an FBI Special Agent. The Cybersecurity Advisor will be remotely monitoring. CISA Region VII staff will be actively coordinating information and reporting.



## Montana

### Potential Challenges

A majority of counties in Montana will conduct the General Election primarily by mail. Mail-in voting challenges include stopping the spread of misinformation related to process changes; mailing and returning ballots on-time and accurately; and potential tabulation delays. Although mail-in ballots may be requested until the day before the election, voted ballots must be returned by the close of polls on Election Day. Voters should plan to request ballots well in advance and return them in person to avoid potential delivery delays. Voting rights groups in Montana recently challenged a 2018 law that significantly restricts the number of ballots that "ballot collectors" are permitted to submit. According to critics, this law has disproportionately affected rural and tribal voters. On May 20, 2020, a Montana judge put a temporary restraining order on the law, which the state argues was passed too close to the June 2, 2020 primary. This legal battle may create confusion for some voters and ballot collectors in rural areas.

### COVID-19 Considerations

Montana's governor issued an executive order allowing counties to make their own decisions about expanded access to mail-in and early voting for the General Election. All counties will be required to maintain in-person voting options with social distancing measures in place. Counties were required to submit their election plan to the Secretary of State by September 9, 2020. For the General Election, 46 of 56 counties in the state will conduct their election primarily by mail. The executive order also provides expanded timelines for voter registration, ballot distribution, and early voting opportunities. The directive extends the close of regular voter registration until 10 days before the election (October 24, 2020) to minimize the need for in-person registration or lines. At least 33 counties have chosen to mail ballots directly to voters after several county election commissioners had petitioned the state to allow this change, citing poll worker shortages and the loss of polling place venues due to health concerns related to COVID-19.

### State Elections Background

- **Voter Registration System:** Top-Down
- **Voting Type:** Paper Ballots
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the state level:**  
(b)(3);6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the local level:** None
- **DHS Sponsored Security Clearances:**  
(b)(7)(E)
- **Albert Sensor:** Yes (b)(3);6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)  
(b)(3);6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)
- **Local EI-ISAC Membership:** 23% of locals are members of EI-ISAC.
- **Polling Hours:** 7:00am – 8:00pm (MT)
- **Official Election Website:**  
<https://sosmt.gov/elections/>

### Risk Assessment and Indicators

- **Voter Registration:** Montana has a top-down voter registration system, meaning the state controls the input and management of the statewide voter registration database. From a risk perspective, this presents a single target which, if affected by an incident, could disrupt the voting process for a number of voters. Conversely, this model also offers some risk management advantages since states following the top-down model tend to have stronger cybersecurity postures than bottom-up states, based on availability of



resources. The voter registration deadline is October 26, 2020 (extended by the Governor's executive order), and late registration is available in person until Election Day.

- **Vote Casting:** Montana uses paper ballots. Ensuring there is an auditable record provides election officials with the ability to verify that the outcomes of the election are correct. On Election Day, polling places will be open between 7:00am and 8:00pm (MT) across the state, although counties with fewer than 400 registered voters may open as late as 12:00pm (MT).
  - **Mail-in Ballots:** All voters may request a mail-in ballot until the day before the election. However, as ballots must arrive by the close of polls on Election Day, voters are encouraged to request their ballot at least one week in advance and return it in person to ensure timely delivery.
- **Early Voting:** Montana offers in-person absentee voting as mail-in ballots are available, beginning at least as early as October 4, 2020.

### Election Day Posture

- Protective Security Advisor (b)(6) Cybersecurity Advisor (b)(6) Region VIII Regional Director, Chief Protective Security, and Operations Staff will monitor and support elections activities by virtual means.



## Nebraska

### Potential Challenges

Considering the impact of COVID-19 and an anticipated surge in mail-in voting, challenges include potential poll-worker shortages, managing social distancing, long lines, and tabulation delays. Local CISA staff are connected with ES&S, a Nebraska-based service provider of ballot print, mail, equipment, and technology services for jurisdictions across the country.

### COVID-19 Considerations

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, Nebraska election offices sent mail-in ballot applications to all registered voters for the primary election on May 12. The Secretary of State (SoS) has encouraged voters who want a mail-in ballot for the General Election to request one from local election officials or download the form online. To request a mail-in ballot for the General Election, registered voters must obtain, complete, and submit an application before October 23, 2020. Voters may still vote in person during Early Voting from October 5, 2020 – November 2, 2020 or on Election Day. The Nebraska SoS and local election officials published COVID-19 protection guidelines that advocate for early in-person voting at local election offices, mail-in voting, and to include social distancing and mitigation measures at polling locations on Election Day.

### State Elections Background

- **Voter Registration System:** Top-Down
- **Voting Type:** Paper Ballots
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the state level:**

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the local level:**

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- **DHS Sponsored Security Clearances:**

(b)(7)(E)

- **Albert Sensor:** Yes

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- **County-level Information:** 100% of locals are members of EI-ISAC.

- **Polling Hours:** 8:00am - 8:00pm (CT); 7:00am - 7:00pm (MT)

- **Official Election Website:**

<https://sos.nebraska.gov/elections/2020-elections>

### Risk Assessment and Indicators

- **Voter Registration:** Nebraska has a top-down voter registration system, meaning the state controls the input and management of the statewide voter registration database. From a risk perspective, this presents a single target which, if affected by an incident, could disrupt the voting process for a number of voters. Conversely, this model also offers some risk management advantages since states following the top-down model tend to have stronger cybersecurity postures than bottom-up states, based on availability of resources. The regular voter registration deadline is October 16, 2020. Mail-in voter registration must be mailed and postmarked on or before October 16, 2020. Military and overseas voters must complete the Federal Post Card Application which serves as both a registration application and an early-voting application.

- **Vote Casting:** Nebraska uses paper ballots. Ensuring there is an auditable record provides election officials with the ability to verify that the outcomes of the election are correct. On Election Day, most polling places will be open from 8:00am to 8:00pm (CT), and from 7:00am to 7:00pm (MT). All early voting ballots whether delivered in person, by mail, or by other carrier must arrive at the county election official's office before the closing of polls on Election Day (8:00pm (CT), 7:00pm (MT)). Military and overseas voters who receive a ballot and do not think it will arrive at the county election office by the deadline should contact the county election office to make other arrangements. Nebraska is a split electoral vote state – they use the “congressional district method”, allocating two electoral votes to the state popular vote winner (representing the two senatorial votes), and one electoral vote to the popular vote winner in each Congressional district. Only Maine and Nebraska allocate electoral college votes this way.
  - **Mail-in Ballots:** Nebraska is a “no-excuse” state, meaning any registered voter may request an early-voting (mail-in) ballot, and is not required to provide a reason. The state is mailing every registered voter a mail-in ballot application. Applications are required and must be received by the county election office by 6:00pm on October 23, 2020. Regular early-voting ballots are not sent out or voted until at least 35 days before the election (September 29, 2020).
- **Early Voting:** Nebraska will allow early in-person voting for a period beginning 30 days prior to the election and ending the day before the election (October 5, 2020 – November 2, 2020). Early voting will be available at county election offices during normal business hours.

### Election Day Posture

- On Election Day, the Nebraska Protective Security Advisor will deploy in-person to the Nebraska SoS Election Operations Center in Lincoln, NE to monitor statewide voting and potential for incidents. The Regional Cybersecurity Advisor will be remotely monitoring statewide voting and potential for incidents. The Regional staff will be actively coordinating information and reporting.





## Nevada

### Potential Challenges

Nevada faced eight-hour lines in Las Vegas and Reno during the 2020 Presidential Primary due to a reduction in polling places. The state plans to reduce polling locations again for the 2020 General Election which may lead again to long lines. Nevada has relatively limited experience conducting a mail-in voting election. Protective Security Advisors (PSA) are in the process of assisting the Nevada Secretary of State's (SoS) Office with physical vulnerability assessments at their facilities in Carson City and North Las Vegas.

### COVID-19 Considerations

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, on August 2, 2020 the Nevada state legislature passed a bill enabling the state to send mail-in ballots to all registered voters, without the need for voters to apply for them. The state followed the same procedure for the 2020 presidential primary election. The state also reduced the number of polling places open for the primary election, and this reduction is expected in the General Election as well. State law requires at least 140 polling locations open throughout the state including 100 polling sites in Clark County. Voters may still vote in person during early voting from October 17, 2020-October 30, 2020 or on Election Day on November 3, 2020. The state legislature and election officials have been fiercely debating along party lines over who has the authority to return ballots on behalf of another, also known as "ballot harvesting." Under the current plan, a ballot collector/returner does not have to be related to the voter to submit their ballot. Several lawsuits have been filed against the new mail-in voting system.

### State Elections Background

- **Voter Registration System:** Bottom-Up
- **Voting Type:** Paper Ballots, DREs w/ VVPAT
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the state level:**

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- Last Mile: 2020 County-Level Election Security Snapshot Poster delivered; 2020 State-Level Election Security Snapshot Poster delivered

- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the local level:**

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- **DHS Sponsored Security Clearances:**

(b)(7)(E)

- **Albert Sensor:** Yes

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- **County-level Information:** 100% of locals are members of EI-ISAC.
- **Polling Hours:** 7:00am-7:00pm (PT)
- **Official Election Website:**  
[www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections](http://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections)

### Risk Assessment and Indicators

- **Voter Registration:** Nevada has a bottom-up registration system, meaning local jurisdictions control the input and management of voter registration. Jurisdictions transmit data on a daily basis to the statewide database. From a risk perspective, bottom-up states tend to have weaker, less consistent cybersecurity postures relative to top-down states based on availability of resources. Conversely, the advantage of the bottom-up model is it lacks a single target which, if affected by an incident, could disrupt check-in at a statewide scale. In-person registrations must be complete and mail-in registrations must be received by October 6, 2020. The deadline to register online is October 29, 2020. Same-day registration is also

available during the early voting period from October 17, 2020 until October 30, 2020 and also on Election Day.

- **Vote Casting:** Nevada uses paper ballots and DREs w/ VVPAT. Ensuring there is an auditable record provides election officials with the ability to verify that the outcomes of the election are correct. On Election Day, most polling places will be open from 7:00am (PT) to 7:00pm (PT). Voters are encouraged to use mail-in voting due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Mail-in ballots must be postmarked by November 3, 2020 to be valid. Voters may also return their mail-in ballots in-person at their local county clerk's office and designated drop-off locations. The deadline for in-person submission of mail-in ballots is 7:00pm (PT) on November 3, 2020.
  - **Mail-in Ballots:** For the 2020 General Election, all voters will be automatically sent a mail-in ballot.
- **Early Voting:** Nevada will allow early in-person voting from October 17, 2020-October 30, 2020. Early voting locations and exact hours are determined at the county level and are published on the Nevada SoS website. All voters are eligible to vote early.

### Election Day Posture

- The PSA in Carson City District is planning to deploy in-person to the Nevada SoS Office at the State Capitol building.
- The Las Vegas PSA will deploy in-person to the SoS Office in North Las Vegas and will support the Election Integrity Task Force and the Election Operations Center.



## New Hampshire

### Potential Challenges

Many New Hampshire towns still count votes by hand, but most of the state's ballots are tallied by machines. During an exercise to probe for vulnerabilities at a technology conference in summer 2019, ethical hackers were able to manipulate results produced by the optical scanner used widely throughout New Hampshire. Some jurisdictions in New Hampshire use ballot-counting machines (AccuVote) that are no longer manufactured and whose operating system is no longer supported by Microsoft, making repairs challenging. The potential risks posed by ballot-counting machines malfunctioning during a high turnout election is demonstrated by the close margins of the New Hampshire U.S. Senate and Presidential races in 2016, both decided by a <1% vote margin. Most federal election security funds that the state received in 2018 went to state-level security expenses, leaving localities responsible for the costs of security upgrades. Elections are run at the township level which often leads to lower volume of voting per polling location. However, this is often indicative of less technical and cybersecurity awareness among township-level election officials. The Secretary of State (SoS) has refused to engage with CISA to date. The Deputy SoS attributes this to a "healthy distrust" of outside agencies, relying instead on private contracts for cybersecurity assessments. CISA has a more productive relationship with New Hampshire's Chief Information Officer.

### COVID-19 Considerations

New Hampshire has extended the ability to use mail-in voting to all voters for the September primary elections and November General Election. A memo released by the SoS indicates that CARES Act funding will provide PPE and hand sanitizer to poll workers for the fall elections, but masks will need to be reused in both elections. Local election officials reported during March 2020 municipal elections that hand sanitizer clogged ballot scanners when ballots wet with disinfectant broke down in the machine. New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management will assist with equipment delivery to polling places.

### State Elections Background

- **Voter Registration System:** Top-Down
- **Voting Type:** Paper Ballots
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the state level:** None
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the local level:** None
- **Local EI-ISAC Membership:** <1% of locals are members of EI-ISAC.
- **DHS Sponsored Security Clearances:** New (b)(7)(E)
- **Albert Sensor:** Yes (b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)
- **Polling Hours:** 6:00am – 7:00pm (ET)
- **Official Election Website:** <https://sos.nh.gov/VoteNH.aspx>

### Risk Assessment and Indicators

- **Voter Registration** New Hampshire has a top-down voter registration system, meaning the state controls the input and management of the statewide voter registration database. From a risk perspective, this presents a single target which, if affected by an incident, could disrupt the voting process for a number of voters. Conversely, this model also offers some risk management advantages since states following the top-down model tend to have stronger cybersecurity postures than bottom-up states, based on availability of resources. The voter registration deadline for the general election varies between six and 13 days



(October 21, 2020 – October 28, 2020) before the election depending on the locality. The state will allow voters to register by mail for the General Election. Same-day registration is available on Election Day.

- **Vote Casting:** New Hampshire uses paper ballots. Ensuring there is an auditable record provides election officials with the ability to verify that the outcomes of the election are correct. On Election Day, polling places will be open between 6:00am and 7:00pm (ET) across the state, although the poll opening time varies by locality between 6:00am and 11:00am (ET).
  - **Mail-in Ballots:** New Hampshire has extended mail-in voting to all voters for the General Election due to COVID-19 concerns. There is no deadline for requesting a ballot, but voters are encouraged to request a ballot by October 27, 2020. Voted ballots must be returned in-person or by mail by Election Day at 5:00pm (ET).
- **Early Voting:** New Hampshire does not offer early in-person voting.

### Election Day Posture

- CISA Region I will assume a heightened state of operational readiness to respond to events and incidents affecting the election and supporting infrastructures. CISA Region I will be monitoring remotely and standing by if support is requested. The Protective Security Advisor and Cybersecurity Advisor will remain in close contact with the New Hampshire SoS Office, New Hampshire Intelligence Fusion Center, New Hampshire National Guard, DHS counterparts, FBI, and all relevant election partners on Election Day.



## New Jersey

### Potential Challenges

New Jersey is expecting to face challenges related to mis- and disinformation on social media. State officials indicated in a recent tabletop exercise that budget constraints may lead to a reduction in staff to count mail-in ballots. This reduction in staffing may delay election results. In response to New Jersey's mail-in voting expansion, President Trump's reelection campaign, the Republican National Committee, and the New Jersey Republican State Committee are suing the State of New Jersey in an effort to stop expanded mail-in voting. Following a July city council race in Paterson, New Jersey, the state Attorney General filed voter fraud charges against a city councilman and councilman elect. The individuals were charged with fraud in casting mail-in votes, unauthorized possession of ballots, and tampering with public records. The ongoing lawsuits coupled with the high-profile voter fraud allegations may lead to distrust of the mail-in voting process among some voters.

### COVID-19 Considerations

On August 13, in response to COVID-19 the New Jersey Governor announced the General Election will be conducted primarily through mail-in voting. This expansion includes an expansion of the number of secure ballot drop box locations (at least 10 per county) and limiting the number of in-person voting centers. The state will mail ballots to every registered voter with prepaid postage. Each county must open at least one polling place in each municipality and at least 50% of its usual number of polling places. If a county cannot meet this threshold it must "utilize schools or other large facilities to serve as large voting centers, which will accommodate more voting districts in one polling place." Individuals voting in-person will cast a provisional (paper) ballot. All polling places must adhere to sanitation guidelines and are modifying the layout of polling places to meet social distancing standards. Some polling places are considering drive-in voting to minimize crowding.

### State Elections Background

- **Voter Registration System:** Top-Down
- **Voting Type:** Paper Ballots; DREs without VVPAT
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the state level:**

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- Last Mile: 2020 State-Level Election Security Snapshot Poster delivered; 2020 County-Level Election Security Snapshot Poster delivered; 2020 Election Day Emergency Response Guide delivered
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the local level:**

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- **DHS Sponsored Security Clearances:** New

(b)(7)(E)

- **Albert Sensor:** Yes. (b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- **County-level Information:** 100% of locals are members of EI-ISAC.
- **Polling Hours:** 6:00am-8:00pm (ET)
- **Official Election Website:**  
<https://www.state.nj.us/state/elections/index.shtml>

## Risk Assessment and Indicators

- **Voter Registration:** New Jersey has a top-down voter registration system, meaning the state controls the input and management of the statewide voter registration database. From a risk perspective, this presents a single target which, if affected by an incident, could disrupt the voting process for a number of voters. Conversely, this model also offers some risk management advantages since states following the top-down model tend to have stronger cybersecurity postures than bottom-up states, based on availability of resources. The regular voter registration deadline is October 13, 2020.
- **Vote Casting:** New Jersey uses paper ballots and DREs without VVPAT. Vote casting without VVPAT is higher risk due to the lack of software independence through a paper backup. On Election Day, most polling places will be open from 6:00am to 8:00pm (ET). Voters are encouraged to utilize mail-in voting due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Each county is required to open at least one polling place in each municipality for in-person voting.
  - **Mail-in Ballots:** Due to COVID-19, New Jersey will send mail-in ballots to all registered voters with prepaid postage. The deadline to apply for a mail-In ballot for the General Election is October 27, 2020. Mail-in ballots must be postmarked by November 3, 2020 and received by 8:00pm (ET) on November 10, 2020.
- **Early Voting:** New Jersey allows for early in-person absentee voting 45 days before the election (September 19, 2020). In-person absentee voting ends at 3:00pm (ET) on November 2, 2020.

## Election Day Posture

- Protective Security Advisors and Chief, Protective Security will support Election Day activities at the New Jersey State Fusion Center, Emergency Operations Center, New Jersey Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Cell (NJCCIC) located on the New Jersey State Police Headquarters Campus in West Trenton, NJ.
- The Region II Cybersecurity Advisor will virtually support election activities from the EI-ISAC in East Greenbush, NY.





## New Mexico

### Potential Challenges

Many counties across New Mexico lack dedicated IT personnel and have limited funding to support cybersecurity efforts. The counties remain vigilant and aware of the cyber threat but are hampered by resource constraints. This lack of IT resources may present challenges should a cybersecurity incident occur.

### COVID-19 Considerations

Due to COVID-19, voters are encouraged to utilize no-excuse mail-in voting. Mail-in ballot applications are available to all registered voters, but the state will not automatically mail applications to voters. The state is anticipating a large influx of mail-in ballots and is encouraging voters to mail their ballots as early as possible, ideally by October 27, 2020. Voters will be able to track their mail-in-ballots using an individualized bar code located on the envelope. For the first time, voters must sign the outer envelope of mail-in ballots and write down the last four digits of their social security number. State election officials have expressed confidence in the ability of the United States Postal Service to handle the increase in mail-in ballots but have said the most reliable method of returning mail-in ballots is hand delivering ballots to clerk's offices, drop boxes, or voting centers. The Secretary of State (SoS) Office is providing PPE, sanitation best practices, and training to election officials, vendors, and volunteers in all jurisdictions.

### State Elections Background

- **Voter Registration System:** Top-Down
- **Voting Type:** Paper Ballots
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the state level:**

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the local level:**

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- **DHS Sponsored Security Clearances:** New

(b)(7)(E)

- **Albert Sensor:** Yes (b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- **County-level Information:** 48% of locals are members of EI-ISAC.
- **Polling Hours:** 7:00am-7:00pm (MT)
- **Official Election Website:**  
<https://www.sos.state.nm.us/voting-and-elections/>

### Risk Assessment and Indicators

- **Voter Registration:** New Mexico has a top-down voter registration system, meaning the state controls the input and management of the statewide voter registration database. From a risk perspective, this presents a single target which, if affected by an incident, could disrupt the voting process for a number of voters. Conversely, this model also offers some risk management advantages since states following the top-down model tend to have stronger cybersecurity postures than bottom-up states, based on availability of resources. The regular voter registration deadline is October 6, 2020 but has been extended to 6:00pm (MT) the Saturday before the election (October 31, 2020). Returning uniformed service members, Merchant Marines, individuals serving outside of the country in support of national security, and their spouses and dependents may request extended time to register in-person should they miss the deadline.
- **Vote Casting:** New Mexico uses paper ballots. Ensuring there is an auditable record provides election officials with the ability to verify that the outcomes of the election are correct. On Election Day, most polling

places will be open from 7:00am to 7:00pm (MT). Voters are encouraged to utilize mail-in voting due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

- **Mail-in Ballots:** Mail-in ballots are available to all registered voters and requests must be submitted by October 20, 2020. The state recommends that voters return their mail-in ballots by October 27, 2020 to ensure ballots are received on time. Mail-in ballots must be received by Election Day.
- **Early Voting:** New Mexico will allow early in-person voting on October 17-October 31, 2020. Early voting will be available at county courthouses, annexes, or designated community voting locations Monday through Saturday from 10:00am to 7:00pm (MT) during those dates.

### Election Day Posture

- On Election Day, the New Mexico Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will serve as the Command Center for the SoS Office.
- Protective Security Advisor (PSA) (b)(6) will coordinate with Region VI Incident Support Group to share election related security information.
- PSA (b)(6) will support the EOC in person (or remote, pending a surge in COVID-19 cases), along with representatives from various state and federal agencies.
- The SoS has established a HSIN room to serve as the primary platform for information sharing, reporting and coordination across all state and local election officials, IT support personnel, and federal partners.
- PSA (b)(6) will participate in the SoS HSIN Room, along with national and regional federal rooms during the operational period.



## New York

### Potential Challenges

New York is expecting to face challenges related to mis- and disinformation on social media. State officials indicated in a recent tabletop exercise that budget constraints may lead to a reduction in staff to count mail-in ballots. Extensive delays occurred in declaring winners during the June primaries due to a major increase in mail-in ballots. These delays may lead to decreased voter confidence in the state's mail-in voting system for the General Election. During the June primary, thousands of voters failed to provide the proper signatures on their mail-in ballots. To mitigate this issue, the state will include a red "X", red arrow, and/or large print to remind voters to sign the corresponding affirmation letter included with their General Election mail-in ballot.

### COVID-19 Considerations

Due to COVID-19, New York is allowing any registered voter to claim fear of contracting COVID-19 as a valid excuse to use mail-in voting. The New York Governor signed an executive order on August 24, 2020 that requires boards of election to take certain steps to "inform voters of upcoming deadlines, be prepared for upcoming elections, and help ensure mail-in ballots can be used in all elections." Among these requirements are that boards of election must send mailings outlining all deadlines to voters by September 8, 2020 and submit a staffing plan to the New York State Board of Elections by September 20, 2020. All mail-in ballots postmarked on or before Election Day or received by local boards of elections by November 4, 2020 will be counted. Local boards of elections are implementing a variety of COVID-19 safety procedures at polling sites including designated voting areas for voters who decline to wear face coverings.

### State Elections Background

- **Voter Registration System:** Bottom-Up
- **Voting Type:** Paper Ballots; BMDs
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the state level:**

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the local level:**

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- **DHS Sponsored Security Clearances:** New (b)(7)(E)

- **Albert Sensor:** Yes (b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- **County-level information:** 100% of locals are members of EI-ISAC.
- **Polling Hours:** 6:00am-9:00am (ET)
- **Official Election Website:**  
<https://www.elections.ny.gov/>

### Risk Assessment and Indicators

- **Voter Registration:** New York has a bottom-up registration system, meaning local jurisdictions control the input and management of voter registration. Jurisdictions transmit data in real time to the statewide database. From a risk perspective, bottom-up states tend to have weaker, less consistent cybersecurity postures relative to top-down states based on availability of resources. Conversely, the advantage of the bottom-up model is it lacks a single target which, if affected by an incident, could disrupt check-in at a statewide scale. The voter registration deadline for New York is October 9, 2020.



- **Vote Casting:** New York uses paper ballots and BMDs. Ensuring there is an auditable record provides election officials with the ability to verify that the outcomes of the election are correct. Due to COVID-19, the state has expanded mail-in voting to all registered voters. In-person voting sites will be open on November 3, 2020, but this option is encouraged only for voters who cannot vote-by-mail.
  - **Mail-in Ballots:** The deadline to request a mail-in ballot is November 2, 2020. Mail-in ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day or be received by the board of elections without a postmark on the day after the election (November 4, 2020) to be counted. Ballots with a postmark demonstrating they were mailed on or before Election Day will be counted if received by November 10, 2020. Voters may begin requesting mail-in ballots on August 20, 2020. By executive order, county boards of election must adopt a uniform, clarified envelope for mail-in ballots.
- **Early Voting:** In-person early voting is required for all counties in New York from October 24, 2020 through November 1, 2020. From a risk perspective, early voting may provide a measure of warning of emerging issues.

### Election Day Posture

- The Albany Protective Security Advisor (PSA) will be located at the New York State Intelligence Center along with the Region II Cybersecurity Advisor supporting Election Day operations from the EI-ISAC in East Greenbush, NY.
- The Region II Regional Director will support CISA Senior Leadership from the EI-ISAC.
- Other PSAs will participate in in-district monitoring and coordination with New York City Cyber Command, local boards of election, and support to the FBI's New York Field Office Countering Foreign Influence Squad.



## North Carolina

### Potential Challenges

North Carolina has received a seven-fold increase in mail-in ballot requests for the 2020 General Election compared to the 2016 General Election. The state is expecting up to 40% of voters to utilize mail-in voting compared to just 5% during typical elections. This increase in mail-in ballot requests may cause logistical challenges for state and local election officials. The State Board of Elections (SBOE) has issued clarification on their website stating that a photo I.D. is not required to vote but confusion may arise due to a new bill passed by the legislature which includes a provision about voter I.D. requirements. The SBOE passed a resolution allowing ballots missing the witness signature to be cured using an affidavit attesting it was them that cast the ballot, as well as allowing ballots postmarked on Election Day to be accepted if they arrive within six days after Election Day. A court ruling will allow the affidavit cure process to move forward, however the postmark timeframe is pending in a federal appeals court (as of October 20, 2020). Both Republican Board Members resigned the day after the SBOE passed these resolutions, leaving the SBOE with only three Democratic Board Members six weeks before the election. There are additional ongoing lawsuits related to photo I.D. as well as online ballot delivery, marking, and return for voters with disabilities. The State also implemented an online electronic return system, Democracy Live, for UOCAVA voters for the first time. CISA assessed that electronic return is high risk.

### COVID-19 Considerations

The North Carolina State Legislature passed a law in May 2020 to increase funding for mail-in voting during 2020 elections. The bill also reduces the witness signature requirement for completed mail-in ballots from two witnesses to one witness. The SBOE recommends the witness "should not observe so closely that they can see how the voter votes." The SBOE also issued an emergency order on July 17, 2020 mandating a number of modifications to in-person voting for the General Election. These include modifications to early voting (see the "Early Voting" bullet below) and mandating a number of significant precautions to protect voters and poll workers from the spread of disease (e.g., social distancing, frequent sanitizing of common surfaces, and requiring election officials to wear face coverings). The order confirmed that voters will not be required to wear masks while voting.

### State Elections Background

- **Voter Registration System:** Top-Down
- **Voting Type:** Paper Ballots; DREs with VVPAT
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the state level:**

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the local level:**

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- **DHS Sponsored Security Clearances:** North

(b)(7)(E)

- **Albert Sensor:** Yes (b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- **County-level Information:** 100% of locals are members of EI-ISAC.
- **Polling Hours:** 6:30am-7:30pm (ET)
- **Official Election Website:**  
<https://www.ncsbe.gov/index.html>

## Risk Assessment and Indicators

- **Voter Registration:** North Carolina has a top-down voter registration system, meaning the state controls the input and management of the statewide voter registration database. From a risk perspective, this presents a single target which, if affected by an incident, could disrupt the voting process for a number of voters. Conversely, this model also offers some risk management advantages since states following the top-down model tend to have stronger cybersecurity postures than bottom-up states, based on availability of resources. The voter registration deadline is October 9, 2020 and same-day registration is available during early voting. Department of Motor Vehicles customers are permitted to register to vote online.
- **Vote Casting:** North Carolina uses paper ballots and DREs with VVPAT. Ensuring there is an auditable record provides election officials with the ability to verify that the outcomes of the election are correct. Polling places are open at 6:30am (ET) and close at 7:30pm (ET).
  - **Mail-in Ballots:** The mail-in ballot request deadline is October 27, 2020. All voters are eligible to utilize mail-in voting without an excuse. Returned ballots must be received by 5:00pm (ET) on Election Day, regardless of when the ballot is postmarked. This timeframe may change pending the federal appeals court decisions (see the “Potential Challenges” section above for more information). North Carolina reduced its signature requirement for completed mail-in ballots from two to one for 2020 elections. The state legislature also passed a bill to increase funding for mail-in voting.
- **Early Voting:** In addition to mail-in voting, North Carolina offers in-person early voting from October 14, 2020 through October 30, 2020. In-person early voting occurs Monday through Friday during regular business hours at county boards of elections. Per the SBOE July 17 emergency order, all county boards of elections must open each early voting site for at least 10 hours on the weekends of October 17, 2020 through October 18, 2020 and October 24, 2020 through October 25, 2020. Each county board also must open one early voting site per 20,000 registered voters. County boards may apply for a waiver if their proposed plan sufficiently serves the voting population, maintains social distancing, and reduces the likelihood of long lines.

## Election Day Posture

- Protective Security Advisor (b)(6) and Branch Chief (b)(6) will provide in-person support to the SBOE on Election Day.
- Regional Director Robinson, Regional Sector Outreach Coordinator (b)(6) and Regional Operations Manager (b)(6) will be providing virtual support to all Region IV states.





## North Dakota

### Potential Challenges

The United States Postal Service (USPS) has warned North Dakota about potential mail-in ballot delivery delays. There is no deadline to request a mail-in ballot in the state and voted ballots must be postmarked the day before the election. However, the state election director has cited existing election procedures that require county auditors to publicize difficulties in ballot delivery and processing as the election date nears. This procedure will alert voters about the need to return ballots to their election office in person or use a drop box to ensure timely delivery. Mail-in ballots must be postmarked by November 2, 2020 and received by Monday, November 9, 2020, which does not conflict with USPS's two- to five-day turnaround window. The state Protective Security Advisor (PSA) and Cyber Security Advisor (CSA) have a positive working relationship with the Secretary of State's (SoS) Office. The state Election Director is new to the position as of this year. Local jurisdictions have not used any CISA services, but this is due to the simplicity of the voting system and a robust IT staff capable of performing these services in-house.

### COVID-19 Considerations

The June presidential primary was conducted entirely by mail and all polling places were closed. For the General Election, all counties will maintain in-person voting and use secure drop boxes for mail-in ballots.

### State Elections Background

- **Voter Registration System:** N/A
  - State does not require voters to pre-register.
- **Voting Type:** Paper Ballots
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the state level:**  
(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the local level:**
  - None
- **DHS Sponsored Security Clearances:** North  
(b)(7)(E)
- **Albert Sensor:** Yes (b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)  
(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)
- **Local EI-ISAC Membership:** 58% of locals are members of EI-ISAC.
- **Polling Hours:** 7:00am – 9:00pm local time (MT and CT)
- **Official Election Website:**  
<https://vip.sos.nd.gov/PortalList.aspx>

### Risk Assessment and Indicators

- **Voter Registration:** North Dakota is the only state that does not require voter registration. Precincts in North Dakota maintain a list of voters who have voted in previous elections.
- **Vote Casting:** North Dakota uses paper ballots. Ensuring there is an auditable record provides election officials with the ability to verify that the outcomes of the election are correct. On Election Day, vote centers will be open between 7:00am and 9:00pm local time (MT and CT) across the state. Opening times vary between 7:00am and 9:00am (MT and CT). Closing times vary between 7:00pm and 9:00pm (MT and CT).
  - **Mail-in Ballots:** Any resident may apply for a mail-in ballot. There is no declared deadline to request a ballot. Voted ballots must be postmarked by November 2, 2020 and received by November 9, 2020. Voters waiting until late October to return a ballot are advised to return it in person or deposit it in a drop box to ensure timely delivery.

- **Early Voting:** North Dakota offers in-person early voting starting October 19, 2020 at the discretion of the county.

### Election Day Posture

- Region VIII Regional Director, North Dakota PSA (b)(6) CSA (b)(6) Chief Protective Security, and Operations Staff will provide virtual support to elections activities.
- PSA (b)(6) offered to assist with any on-site support to the North Dakota SoS Office, North Dakota Elections Office, or the North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center (SLIC - Fusion Center). All respondents replied that no assistance was needed at this time but would contact PSA (b)(6) should a need arise.



## Ohio

### Potential Challenges

Ohio county boards of elections (BOEs) have received mail-in ballot requests at an unprecedented rate. Local BOEs are hiring additional staff, preparing orders for more mail-in ballots and mailing materials, and redistributing resources to manage the influx of mail-in ballot requests. Some rural BOEs lack financial resources to hire professional IT assistance. The Secretary of State's (SoS) Office has technical assistance available to these counties upon request. The state anticipates poll worker shortages, and some businesses are offering paid leave to staff willing to volunteer at the polls. High school and college-aged Ohioans are encouraged to volunteer. There is an ongoing dispute between the Ohio SoS and state Democrats involving the breadth of authority of the SoS to make election process changes. For example, Democrats have urged the SoS to create an online mail-in ballot request system. The SoS argues only the state legislature has this authority which prevents him from acting. The Ohio Democrat Party has sued the SoS over this and other issues.

### COVID-19 Considerations

Ohio will send a mail-in ballot application to every registered voter. On August 12, 2020, in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Ohio Department of Health, the SoS issued the Ohio Voting Safety Plan to the state's 88 county BOEs. The 48-point plan sets forth requirements for BOEs as well as recommendations for voters for the General Election. BOEs must provide curbside voting and have a secure drop box at every BOE for voters who do not want to enter the polling location or refuse to wear a mask. Further, the SoS Office is requiring BOEs to move polling locations out of facilities that serve vulnerable populations. Specific guidance for curbside voting is forthcoming. Some BOEs have modified their early voting polling spaces to address COVID-19 social distancing guidelines. For example, the Hamilton County Board of Elections has significantly expanded its early voting space to allow for large numbers of voters during the early voting period (October 6 – November 2, 2020). The state is exploring alternative funding for postage including through the state Controlling Board which has seen an increase in funds due to a record number of business filings during the COVID-19 crisis. Currently, voters must pay for their own postage. Due to the increase in mail-in voting, local county BOEs are adopting a wide array of procedural changes including conducting poll worker training earlier in the year and using federal money to purchase additional equipment (e.g., letter openers and scanners).

### State Elections Background

- **Voter Registration System:** Bottom-Up
- **Voting Type:** Paper Ballot; DREs with VVPAT; Ballot Marking Devices
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the state level:**
- Last Mile: 2020 State-Level Election Security Snapshot Poster delivered
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the local level:**

(b)(3);6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

(b)(3);6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)



- **DHS Sponsored Security Clearances:** Ohio

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- **Albert Sensor:** Yes

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- **County-level Information:** 100% of locals are members of EI-ISAC.
- **Polling Hours:** 6:30am-7:30pm (ET)
- **Official Election Website:**  
[www.sos.state.oh.us/elections](http://www.sos.state.oh.us/elections)

## Risk Assessment and Indicators

- **Voter Registration:** Ohio has a bottom-up voter registration system, meaning local jurisdictions control the input and management of voter registration. Jurisdictions transmit data in real time to the statewide database. From a risk perspective, bottom-up states tend to have weaker, less consistent cybersecurity postures relative to top-down states based on availability of resources. Conversely, the advantage of the bottom-up model is it lacks a single target which, if affected by an incident, could disrupt check-in at a statewide scale. The voter registration deadline is October 5, 2020. Ohio does not offer same day registration.
- **Vote Casting:** Ohio uses paper ballots; BMDs; and DREs with VVPAT. Ensuring there is an auditable record provides election officials with the ability to verify that the outcomes of the election are correct. Polling places are open from 6:30am – 7:30pm (ET).
  - **Mail-in Ballots:** All voters are eligible to utilize mail-in voting. Voters can request mail-in ballots for each individual election beginning on January 1, 2020. Voters must complete and submit a separate application for each election in which they want to vote. They must request a mail-in ballot at least three days prior to the election (October 31, 2020) and postmark it by the day before (November 2, 2020). Ballots may also be returned in person to the voter's county BOE by 7:30pm (ET) on Election Day.
- **Early Voting:** Starting the day after the close of voter registration (October 6, 2020), all registered voters may request a mail-in ballot and vote early in person at their county BOE or early voting center as designated by the county. Early voting ends the day before Election Day (November 2, 2020).

## Election Day Posture

- Supervisory Protective Security Advisor (PSA) (b)(3):6 USC [redacted] PSA (b)(3):6 [redacted] and PSA (b)(6) [redacted] will either staff the state and regional fusion centers or support remotely including monitoring appropriate HSIN Connect Rooms, State WebEOC, and County WebEOCs or Knowledge Centers. Current COVID-19 directives will dictate the in-person support.
- Cybersecurity Advisor (b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A) [redacted] will be supporting remotely, monitoring appropriate HSIN Connect Rooms.
- CISA Region V Operations, Regional Director, and Regional PSA will be monitoring remotely (Chicago) and standing by if support is requested.
- CISA Region V Operations will also participate in multiple chat rooms, dashboards, and collaboration sites during the voting period to monitor election activities, including the ESI internal dashboard that will be used to communicate directly with CISA Headquarters.



## Oklahoma

### Potential Challenges

Oklahoma has fairly stringent requirements for how to validate mail-in ballots. "Standard absentee ballot" affidavits (indicated by a yellow stripe) may be notarized or the voter may submit a copy of a valid ID. "Physically incapacitated or caretaker absentee ballot" affidavits (indicated by a pink stripe) may be witnessed by two people or the voter may submit a copy of a valid ID (see the "Mail-in Ballots" subsection below for more information). This system may cause confusion for some voters and create social distancing challenges due to the multiple witness requirement. Mail-in ballots returned in-person must be dropped off by November 2, 2020 rather than on Election Day. This may cause confusion for some voters who are unaware of this requirement. Oklahoma has only three days of early voting (October 29, 2020-October 31, 2020) which may present challenges for voters who wish to vote early but are unable to accommodate those days. The State Election Board Secretary recently requested the Protective Security Advisor (PSA) to brief all county election board workers on physical security best practices, potential threats, and ways to improve communications with state and local law enforcement and intelligence agencies.

### COVID-19 Considerations

The state has expanded voter eligibility for "physically incapacitated" absentee voting due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to the traditional qualifications, voters may now apply for a "physically incapacitated" absentee ballot if they have tested positive for COVID-19, are awaiting a test result, are experiencing symptoms, are in a high-risk demographic, or were recommended by a physician to socially isolate (see the "Mail-in Ballots" subsection below for more information). Advocacy groups are lobbying state courts to relax absentee verification requirements even further. The state passed additional legislation to accommodate several requests from the state election board, including giving state employees paid time-off to be a poll worker, securing additional funding and PPE, and granting the state election board the ability to consolidate in-person voting locations. State election officials are encouraging voters to utilize mail-in voting but are designing in-person locations to meet social distancing requirements.

### State Elections Background

- **Voter Registration System:** Hybrid
- **Voting Type:** Paper Ballots; DREs without VVPAT
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the state level:**  
(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)
  - Last Mile: 2020 State Election Security Snapshot Poster delivered; 2020 Election Day Emergency Response Guide delivered
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the local level:**
  - None
- **DHS Sponsored Security Clearances:**  
(b)(7)(E)
- **Albert Sensor:** Yes. (b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)  
(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)
- **County-level Information:** 1% of locals are members of EI-ISAC.
- **Polling Hours:** 7:00am-7:00pm (CT)
- **Official Election Website:**  
<https://www.ok.gov/elections/index.html>

## Risk Assessment and Indicators

- **Voter Registration:** Oklahoma has a hybrid voter registration system where the State Election Board oversees elections and local election offices transmit data to the state daily. Hybrid models are a combination of top-down and bottom-up models including risk advantages and vulnerabilities. The regular voter registration deadline is October 9, 2020. Voters must submit a physical copy of their registration form which must be received by their county election board office by October 9, 2020.
- **Vote Casting:** Oklahoma uses paper ballots and DREs without VVPAT. Vote casting without VVPAT is higher risk due to the lack of software independence through a paper backup. On Election Day, polling places will be open from 7:00am (CT) to 7:00pm (CT). Voters are encouraged to utilize mail-in voting due to the COVID-19 outbreak. All mailed ballots must be received by the voter's county election board by 7:00pm (CT) on November 3, 2020. Voters can also submit their mail-in ballots in-person during business hours at their county election board through November 2, 2020.
  - **Mail-in Ballots:** Oklahoma has two different tiers of mail-in voting statuses that determine how a voter may submit their ballot. All voters are eligible for "standard" absentee ballots. The state has expanded voter eligibility for "physically incapacitated" absentee voting due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to the traditional qualifications, voters may now apply for a "physically incapacitated" absentee ballot if they have tested positive for COVID-19, are awaiting a test result, are experiencing symptoms, are in a high-risk demographic, or were recommended by a physician to socially isolate. Voters do not need to report which of these qualifications they meet to request this level of absentee ballot. "Standard" absentee ballot voters may not have anyone else physically return their ballot on their behalf. "Physically incapacitated" voters must return their ballots by mail, or they can have an agent physically return their ballot. "Physically incapacitated" absentee voters may also submit a copy of their ID or include two witness signatures to validate their ballot. "Standard" absentee voters may be notarized or the voter may submit a copy of a valid ID. Deadlines are the same for both tiers. Applications are required and must be received by the voter's county election board by 5:00pm (CT) on October 27, 2020. Once the application is approved, the county clerk will send a mail-in ballot with instructions and materials to the voter.
- **Early Voting:** Oklahoma will allow early in-person voting from October 29, 2020-October 31, 2020. Early voting will be available at all county election board offices. Early voting locations will be open from 8:00am to 6:00pm (CT) on October 29 and October 30, 2020, and 9:00am to 2:00pm (CT) on October 31, 2020.

## Election Day Posture

- PSA (b)(6) will be on-site at the Oklahoma Election Board headquarter on Election Day.
- PSA (b)(6) will be in close contact with Region VI Incident Support Group to pass any election related security information to them for information only, or for action depending upon the nature of the event.
- PSA (b)(6) will also be in close contact with the FBI's election crime coordinator and in contact with FBI's local election command post which will be activated on Election Day.





## Oregon

### Potential Challenges

Oregon has experienced ongoing civil unrest recently which may pose challenges for administering elections in large cities. These challenges include the potential to limit voter access to drop boxes. Since the state is primarily a vote-by-mail state, COVID-19 will impact the printing and distribution of mail-in ballots. Election officials anticipate recent media attention surrounding the United States Postal Service may increase usage of drop box locations. Requirements for security, location, and ballot retrieval related to drop boxes may present challenges for election officials. Due to recent wildfires, election officials may face challenges mailing ballots to displaced voters who no longer reside at their registration address. Additionally, voting centers may move or close if impacted by wildfires.

### COVID-19 Considerations

Oregon mails all voters a ballot. Due to COVID-19, many counties in the state have increased the number of outdoor drop boxes available. Notably, libraries in a large Oregon county are allowing voters to return their ballots through the book return slot. The Oregon Director of Elections continues to push for good public health hygiene at state and county election offices. Prior to the Oregon primary in May, the Oregon Protective Security Advisor (PSA) coordinated the delivery of PPE gloves, hand sanitizer and masks for every county election office in the state. Since May, there have been no additional requests for PPE in support of the general election.

### State Elections Background

- **Voter Registration System:** Top-Down
- **Voting Type:** Paper Ballots
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the state level:**

(b)(3);6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- Last Mile: 2018 and 2020 State Election Security Snapshot delivered

- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the local level:**

(b)(3);6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

(b)(3);6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- **DHS Sponsored Security Clearances:**

(b)(7)(E)

- **Albert Sensor:** Yes (b)(3);6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

(b)(3);6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- **County-level Information:** 100% of locals are members of EI-ISAC.
- **Polling Hours:** 7:00am - 8:00pm (PT)
- **Official Election Website:**  
<https://sos.oregon.gov/voting-elections>

### Risk Assessment and Indicators

- **Voter Registration:** Oregon has a top-down voter registration system, meaning the state controls the input and management of the statewide voter registration database. From a risk perspective, this presents a single target which, if affected by an incident, could disrupt the voting process for a number of voters. Conversely, this model also offers some risk management advantages since states following the top-down model tend to have stronger cybersecurity postures than bottom-up states, based on availability of resources. The regular voter registration deadline is 11:59:59 pm (PT) on October 13, 2020. Residents may register to vote using the online voter registration application. Alternatively, residents may complete a

voter registration form and return to the local county elections office or mail and postmark on or before October 13, 2020.

- **Vote Casting:** Oregon sends a paper ballot to all voters. However, voters may still cast ballots at the local municipal clerk's office between 7:00am and 8:00pm (PT) on Election Day. Ensuring there is an auditable record provides election officials with the ability to verify that the outcomes of the election are correct.
  - **Mail-in Ballots:** Registered voters will receive a mail-in ballot two to three weeks before the election. Voters may return their ballot by mail or deposit completed ballots in drop boxes available up to 18 days before the election (October 16, 2020). Ballots must be received by 8:00 pm (PT) on Election Day.
- **Early Voting:** Oregon allows access to drop boxes for ballot submission ahead of the election at election offices or other staffed locations (libraries, city halls, etc.) or outdoor mailboxes (drive-by or walking traffic) up to 18 days before Election Day (October 16, 2020).

### Election Day Posture

- The Oregon PSA and Cybersecurity Advisor (CSA) will support both the Oregon TITAN Fusion Center and the Oregon Emergency Coordination Center, located in Salem, OR.
- The PSA and CSA will coordinate with the CISA Region X Operations Team in Seattle.



## Pennsylvania

### Potential Challenges

There are numerous ongoing lawsuits in Pennsylvania over ballot access and ballot drop boxes. These lawsuits prevented all Pennsylvania counties from sending out mail-in ballots on September 14, 2020, the first day they were legally able to do so. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruled on September 17, 2020 that county boards of election are permitted to collect hand-delivered mail-in ballots at locations other than their office addresses to include drop boxes. The commonwealth is also implementing a Democracy Live ballot delivery and marking for voters with disabilities for the first time which may present challenges due to unfamiliarity with the system. Also, most jurisdictions are voting on paper ballots for the first year, due to the requirement to update all voting systems by December 31, 2019. Prior to 2020, many counties voted on paperless DREs. The commonwealth also had a major overhaul in legislation changing the process for elections, including no-excuse mail-in voting, change in registration deadline from 30 days before election day to 15 days prior, removal of straight party voting, and others.

### COVID-19 Considerations

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Pennsylvania Secretary of State (SoS) office is encouraging voters to take advantage of the commonwealth's universal mail-in voting system. On July 31, 2020, the SoS announced that the commonwealth would provide prepaid return postage for all mail-in ballots for the General Election. During the presidential primary, over 50% of ballots cast were mail-in ballots compared to just 4% in 2016 and 2018. This increase is likely to persist for the general election.

### Commonwealth Elections Background

- **Voter Registration System:** Top-Down
- **Voting Type:** Paper Ballots; BMDs; Hybrid Ballot Marking Devices; Scanners
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the commonwealth level:**
  - (b)(3);6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)
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- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the local level:**
  - Vulnerability Scanning: One County in 2016
- **DHS Sponsored Security Clearances:**
  - (b)(7)(E)
  - (b)(3);6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)
- **Albert Sensor:** Yes
  - (b)(3);6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)
- **County-level Information:** 66% of locals are members of EI-ISAC.
- **Polling Hours:** 7:00am-8:00pm (ET)
- **Official Election Website:**  
<https://www.dos.pa.gov/VotingElections/Pages/default.aspx>

### Risk Assessment and Indicators

- **Voter Registration:** Pennsylvania has a top-down voter registration system, meaning the commonwealth controls the input and management of the commonwealth-wide voter registration database. From a risk perspective, this presents a single target which, if affected by an incident, could disrupt the voting process for a number of voters. Conversely, this model also offers some risk management advantages since states following the top-down model tend to have stronger cybersecurity postures than bottom-up states, based on availability of resources. The voter registration deadline is October 19, 2020. The commonwealth has recently upgraded its voter registration database to improve intrusion detection and incorporate two-factor authentication.



- **Vote Casting:** Pennsylvania uses paper ballots; ballot marking devices; hybrid ballot marking devices; and scanners. On Election Day, polling places will be open from 7:00am (ET) to 8:00pm (ET). Voters are encouraged to utilize mail-in voting due to the COVID-19 outbreak. All mail-in ballots must be postmarked by 8:00pm (ET) on Election Day and received by 5:00pm (ET) on November 6, 2020 to be counted.
  - **Mail-in Ballots:** Pennsylvania distinguishes between absentee ballots and mail-in ballots. Absentee ballots require a valid excuse and are designed for voters who plan to be physically out of their municipality on Election Day (e.g., college students, those on vacation, members of the military, etc.). For 2020 elections, COVID-19 has been added as a qualifying reason on the absentee ballot application. Mail-in voting is available to all Pennsylvania voters and does not require a reason to apply. Voters must submit an online, mailed, or in-person application to use either method. Applications must be received (not just postmarked) by the voter's county election office by 5:00pm (ET) on October 27, 2020. Once the application is approved, the County Clerk will mail a postage prepaid absentee/mail-in ballot with instructions and materials to the voter. Ballots must be postmarked by 8:00pm (ET) on Election Day and received by 5:00pm (ET) on November 6, 2020. The mail-in ballot return deadline was challenged in court, ultimately reaching the U.S. Supreme Court. In mid-October, the U.S. Supreme Court ruling upheld the November 6, 2020 deadline for accepting mail-in ballots.
- **Early Voting:** Pennsylvania is setting up 16 satellite offices, which are legally an extension of their main election office, for early in-person absentee voting. These satellite offices will have three terminals connected to the statewide database to perform full voter registration services. Officials at these locations may also issue mail-in ballot packets that can be voted and deposited on site or taken home to be completed.

### Election Day Posture

- CISA personnel will support and coordinate with election stakeholders via chatrooms and other online platforms. CISA personnel will support in-person if requested.



## Rhode Island

### Potential Challenges

Rhode Island has dual authority over its elections. The Secretary of State (SoS) oversees voter registration as well as creating and mailing ballots. The Board of Elections oversees polling places, voting equipment, tabulation, results reporting, and canvassing. In light of the shift to predominately mail-in voting, this dual authority may create some confusion regarding election administration and may cause potential confusion among voters when seeking election-related information. Election officials expect reporting the winner of the General Election will take several days, because all mail-in ballots are sent to the Board of Elections and processed manually, while machine votes are counted in real time at each precinct after polls close. Officials have expressed concern that tabulation and reporting delays could create opportunity for mistrust of the electoral process. Local election officials are struggling to recruit poll workers, and state election officials have made efforts to appeal to state workers to serve as poll workers. Poll worker shortages could contribute to fewer polling places, potentially leading to long lines and confusion among voters.

### COVID-19 Considerations

The Supreme Court upheld Rhode Island's policy change that mail-in ballots cast during the COVID-19 pandemic did not require witness signatures given that state officials have agreed to the change and that the policy had previously been relaxed during the June primary. The legal complaint was brought by the Republican National Committee and the State Republican Party. The state is sending mail-in ballot applications to all voters for the General Election. Additionally, this is the first election that the state is allowing early in-person voting.

### State Elections Background

- **Voter Registration System:** Hybrid
- **Voting Type:** Paper Ballots
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the state level:**

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- Last Mile: 2018 State-Level Election Security Snapshot Poster delivered; 2020 State-Level Election Security Snapshot Poster delivered; 2020 Election Day Emergency Response Guide delivered

- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the local level:**

- None

- **DHS Sponsored Security Clearances:** Rhode

(b)(7)(E)

- **Albert Sensor:** Yes (b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- **Local EI-ISAC Membership:** 100% of locals are members of EI-ISAC.
- **Polling Hours:** 7:00am – 8:00pm (ET)
- **Official Election Website:**
  - <https://elections.ri.gov/> (Board of Elections)
  - <https://vote.sos.ri.gov/> (Secretary of State)

### Risk Assessment and Indicators

- **Voter Registration:** Rhode Island has a hybrid voter registration system, meaning the SoS oversees elections and local election offices transmit data to the state daily. Hybrid models are a combination of top-

down and bottom-up models including risk advantages and vulnerabilities. The voter registration deadline is October 4, 2020.

- **Vote Casting:** Rhode Island uses paper ballots. Ensuring there is an auditable record provides election officials with the ability to verify that the outcomes of the election are correct. On Election Day, polling places will be open between 7:00am and 8:00pm (ET) across the state.
  - **Mail-in Ballots:** All voters are eligible to vote by mail without an excuse. The deadline for requesting a ballot is October 13, 2020. If circumstances arise within 20 days of an election, voters may request an emergency mail ballot until November 2, 2020. Voted ballots must be returned by Election Day.
- **Early Voting:** For the first time, Rhode Island is offering in-person early voting at the voter's city or town hall beginning on October 14, 2020.

### Election Day Posture

- CISA Region I will assume a heightened state of operational readiness to respond to events and incidents affecting the election and supporting infrastructures. CISA Region I will be monitoring remotely and standing by if support is requested. The Protective Security Advisor, Cybersecurity Advisor, and Regional Team will remain in close contact with the Rhode Island SoS Office, Rhode Island Fusion Center, Rhode Island National Guard, DHS counterparts, FBI, and all relevant election partners on Election Day.





## South Carolina

### Potential Challenges

On September 16, 2020 the Governor signed a bill authorizing all voters to utilize mail-in voting, as long as their ballot application is received by October 24, 2020. The bill did not allow for the ballot drop boxes nor did it eliminate the requirement for a witness signature, as requested by the State Board of Elections. On September 19, a court eliminated the requirement for a witness signature, but on September 24, the Court of Appeals overturned the earlier ruling. Also, in the primary and runoff elections, the requirement for witness signature was eliminated. All of these changes in a short timeline and change between elections may cause challenges for election officials and confusion among voters.

### COVID-19 Considerations

Election officials will be permitted to open mail-in ballots the day before the General Election (November 2, 2020) to begin processing. Currently, individuals will have to vote in person unless they are a qualified mail-in voter.

### State Elections Background

- **Voter Registration System:** Top-Down
- **Voting Type:** BMDs
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the state level:**
  - (b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)
  - Last Mile: 2018 State-Level Election Security Snapshot Poster delivered
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the local level:**
  - None
- **DHS Sponsored Security Clearances:** South (b)(7)(E)
- **Albert Sensor:** Yes (b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)
- **County-level Information:** 100% of locals are members of EI-ISAC.
- **Polling Hours:** 7:00am-7:00pm (ET)
- **Official Election Website:**  
<https://www.scvotes.gov/>

### Risk Assessment and Indicators

- **Voter Registration:** South Carolina has a top-down voter registration system, meaning the state controls the input and management of the statewide voter registration database. From a risk perspective, this presents a single target which, if affected by an incident, could disrupt the voting process for a number of voters. Conversely, this model also offers some risk management advantages since states following the top-down model tend to have stronger cybersecurity postures than bottom-up states, based on availability of resources. Voter registration forms must be postmarked by October 5, 2020; the in-person registration deadline is October 2, 2020; and the email or fax registration deadline is October 4, 2020. South Carolina does not offer same day registration. In-person registration is also available at the Department of Motor Vehicles.
- **Vote Casting:** South Carolina uses BMDs for all voters, which the state implemented in October 2019. Ensuring there is an auditable record provides election officials with the ability to verify that the outcomes of the election are correct. Polling places are open at 7:00am (ET) and close at 7:00pm (ET).
  - **Mail-in Ballots:** The mail-in ballot request deadline is October 30, 2020. Mail-in ballots must be received by 7:00pm (ET) on Election Day. South Carolina requires a valid excuse to utilize mail-in voting. Eligible voters may vote mail-in in-person until 5:00pm (ET) the day before Election Day

(November 2, 2020). In light of COVID-19 and a potential influx of mail-in ballots, election officials are permitted to begin processing mail-in ballots the day before the election.

- **Early Voting:** South Carolina offers in-person mail-in voting up until 5:00pm (ET) on November 2, 2020. The state does not offer other types of early voting.

### Election Day Posture

- Protective Security Advisor (b)(6) will provide in-person support and Branch Chief (b)(6) will provide virtual support to the South Carolina State Election Commission on Election Day.
- Regional Director Robinson, Regional Sector Outreach Coordinator (b)(6) and Regional Operations Manager (b)(6) will be providing virtual support to all Region IV states.



## South Dakota

### Potential Challenges

During the South Dakota primary election in June, several jurisdictions experienced reporting delays due to the large increase of mail-in ballots. Jurisdictions were not adequately staffed to verify mail-in ballots in a timely fashion. The rate of ballots cast by mail increased from 13.9% in the 2016 primary to 58% in the June 2020 primary. Several jurisdictions are in the planning stages to remedy this issue for the General Election, including recruiting volunteers to help verify mail-in ballots. South Dakota was warned by the United States Postal Service about possible delays in delivering mail-in ballots, as the deadline for requesting a mail-in ballot is the day before the election. The Secretary of State (SoS) has said that voters should consider returning their ballots in person or voting in person if they have not mailed their ballot by late October to ensure their vote is counted. Many counties have set up ballot drop boxes.

### COVID-19 Considerations

In response to COVID-19, the South Dakota SoS Office is encouraging all South Dakotans to utilize the state's mail-in voting option for upcoming elections. The state sent mail-in ballot applications to all registered voters at the mailing address listed on their voter registration form ahead of the June primary election. These ballot applications offered voters the choice to request a ballot for all 2020 elections. Voters who did not select that option will have to re-request a mail-in ballot for the General Election. In-person voting is still an option for several counties.

### State Elections Background

- **Voter Registration System:** Top-Down
- **Voting Type:** Paper Ballots
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the state level:**
  - (b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)
  - Last Mile: 2020 Election Day Emergency Response Guide delivered
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the local level:**
  - None
- **DHS Sponsored Security Clearances:** South (b)(7)(E)
- **Albert Sensor:** Yes (b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)
- **Local EI-ISAC Membership:** 12% of locals are members of EI-ISAC.
- **Polling Hours:** 7:00am – 7:00pm local time (MT and CT)
- **Official Election Website:**  
<https://sdsos.gov/elections-voting/voting/default.aspx>

### Risk Assessment and Indicators

- **Voter Registration:** South Dakota has a top-down voter registration system, meaning the state controls the input and management of the statewide voter registration database. From a risk perspective, this presents a single target which, if affected by an incident, could disrupt the voting process for a number of voters. Conversely, this model also offers some risk management advantages since states following the top-down model tend to have stronger cybersecurity postures than bottom-up states, based on availability of resources. Additionally, by state law, all polling sites must have a printed hard copy of their precinct's voter registration, which helps mitigate the impact should the Voter Registration be targeted. The voter registration deadline is October 19, 2020 by mail or online.



- **Vote Casting:** South Dakota uses paper ballots. Ensuring there is an auditable record provides election officials with the ability to verify that the outcomes of the election are correct. On Election Day, vote centers will be open between 7:00am and 7:00pm local time (MT and CT) across the state.
  - **Mail-in Ballots:** Mail-in ballot applications were mailed to all registered voters at the mailing address listed on their voter registration form before the June primary election. Voters who did not receive an application or who did not select to receive a General Election ballot as well may request a ballot up until the day before the election. Voted ballots must be received by the County Election Official on Election Day in enough time to deliver it to the voter's precinct before the polls close. SoS has encouraged voters to mail their ballots by mid-October.
- **Early Voting:** South Dakota offers in-person absentee voting starting September 18, 2020.

### Election Day Posture

- South Dakota Protective Security Advisor (b)(6) will provide support in person at the SoS Office.
- Cybersecurity Advisor (b)(6) will provide support by virtual means.
- Region VIII Regional Director, Chief Protective Security, and Operations Staff will monitor/support elections activities virtually.



## Tennessee

### Potential Challenges

The Tennessee Supreme Court ruling reversing the ability of all registered voters to use mail-in voting may cause confusion among some voters (see the COVID-19 Considerations section below).

### COVID-19 Considerations

On August 5, 2020, the Tennessee Supreme Court overturned the option for all eligible voters to utilize mail-in voting in the General Election due to COVID-19. In June, a lower Tennessee court expanded mail-in voting to all registered voters and allowed fear of contracting COVID-19 as a valid excuse. The state Supreme Court ruling restores Tennessee's excuse-based system. However, voters who are diagnosed, test positive, or are exposed to someone with COVID-19 remain eligible for mail-in voting.

### State Elections Background

- **Voter Registration System:** Bottom-Up
- **Voting Type:** Paper Ballots; DREs with VVPAT; DREs without VVPAT
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the state level:**  
(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the local level:**  
(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)
- **DHS Sponsored Security Clearances:**  
(b)(7)(E)
- **Albert Sensor:** Yes (b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)  
(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)
- **County-level Information:** 100% of locals are members of EI-ISAC.
- **Polling Hours:** 7:00am-8:00pm (ET); 7:00am-7:00pm (CT)
- **Official Election Website:**  
<https://sos.tn.gov/elections>

### Risk Assessment and Indicators

- **Voter Registration:** Tennessee has a bottom-up voter registration system, meaning local jurisdictions control the input and management of voter registration. Jurisdictions transmit data on a daily basis to the statewide database. From a risk perspective, bottom-up states tend to have weaker, less consistent cybersecurity postures relative to top-down states based on availability of resources. Conversely, the advantage of the bottom-up model is it lacks a single target which, if affected by an incident, could disrupt check-in at a statewide scale. The voter registration deadline is October 5, 2020.
- **Vote Casting:** Tennessee uses paper ballots; DREs with VVPAT; and DREs without VVPAT. Vote casting without VVPAT is higher risk due to the lack of software independence through a paper backup. Each county determines what time their polling places open, although most open at 7:00am (ET and CT). All polling places in the Eastern Time Zone are required to close at 8:00pm (ET) and those in the Central Time Zone are required to close by 7:00pm (CT).
  - **Mail-in Ballots:** Voters may begin requesting mail-in ballots 90 days before the election (August 5, 2020) and up to seven days before the election (October 27, 2020). Mail-in voting requires a valid excuse as outlined on the Secretary of State (SoS) website. The deadline to request a mail-in ballot is Tuesday, October 27, 2020. Mail-in ballots must be returned by close of polls on Election Day.
- **Early Voting:** To vote early, voters must appear in person at either the county election commission office or at a satellite voting location opened by the county election commission. The early voting period begins

on October 14, 2020 and ends on October 29, 2020. Mail-in ballots must be returned by close of polls on election day.

### Election Day Posture

- Protective Security Advisor (PSA) Coffey will provide in-person support while PSA (b)(3):6 USC and Cybersecurity Advisor (b)(3):6 USC will provide virtual support to the Tennessee SoS Office on Election Day.
- Regional Director Robinson, Regional Sector Outreach Coordinator (b)(3):6 USC and Regional Operations Manager (b)(6) will be providing virtual support to all Region IV states.





## Texas

### Potential Challenges

Some Texas counties have attempted to expand their mail-in voting efforts but have faced legal pushback from the Texas State Attorney General. In one high profile legal battle, the Texas State Supreme Court blocked Harris County (which houses Houston) from sending mail-in ballot applications to over two million voters. These ongoing legal disputes may cause confusion among voters and result in a compressed timeline for establishing additional in-person polling places if needed. During the July 14th runoff election, a vendor software issue resulted in an 80-minute delay in reporting election results. While this did not affect the accuracy of results, it may result in decreased confidence among the public during the General Election. CISA staff are connected with Hart, a Texas-based major provider of ballot print, mail, equipment, and technology services.

### COVID-19 Considerations

Texas is one of six states that has not opened mail-in voting to any voter concerned about getting COVID-19. The Texas Secretary of State (SoS) released Health Protocols for Voters, a minimum level of recommended health protocols for all voters in Texas, election officials, employees, and poll workers. The Texas SoS is encouraging all eligible Texas voters to vote early. Texas is one of nine states that does not allow residents to register online.

### State Elections Background

- **Voter Registration System:** Hybrid
- **Voting Type:** Paper Ballots; DREs with VVPAT; DREs without VVPAT
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the state level:**

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- Last Mile Products: 2018 State-Level Election Security Snapshot Poster delivered

- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the local level:**

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- Last Mile Products: 2018 County-Level Election Security Snapshot Poster delivered

- **DHS Sponsored Security Clearances:** Texas

(b)(7)(E)

- **Albert Sensor:** Yes (b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- **County-level Information:** 72% of locals are members of EI-ISAC.
- **Polling Hours:** 7:00am-7:00pm (CT)
- **Official Election Website:**  
<https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/>

## Risk Assessment and Indicators

- **Voter Registration:** Texas has a hybrid voter registration system, meaning the SoS oversees elections and local election offices transmit data to the state daily. Hybrid models are a combination of top-down and bottom-up models including risk advantages and vulnerabilities. The voter registration deadline is October 5, 2020.
- **Vote Casting:** Texas uses paper ballots; DREs with VVPAT; and DREs without VVPAT. Vote casting without VVPAT is higher risk due to the lack of software independence through a paper backup. On Election Day, most polling places will be open from 7:30am to 7:00pm (CT).
  - **Mail-in Ballots:** To qualify for a mail-in ballot, voters must be 65 years or older, be disabled, be out of the country on Election Day and during the period for early voting by personal appearance, or be confined in jail but otherwise eligible. Mail-in ballot applications must be dropped off in person by October 13, 2020 or received by mail by October 23, 2020. For most voters, mail-in ballots must be postmarked by 7:00pm (CT) on Election Day and received by 5:00pm (CT) on November 4, 2020.
- **Early Voting:** Texas will allow early in-person voting from October 19, 2020 through October 30, 2020.

## Election Day Posture

- Protective Security Advisor (PSA) Otten will support the Texas SoS physically or virtually on Election Day as required.
- PSA<sup>(b)(6)</sup> will coordinate with Region VI Incident Support Group to share any election security information.
- PSA<sup>(b)(6)</sup> will participate in the HSIN Connect rooms for real-time coordination, communication, and reporting of incidents.



## Utah

### Potential Challenges

Utah has had an extensive mail-in voting system since 2012 and currently conducts elections primarily by mail. Based on their relationships with local postmasters and years of experience, local election officials are confident that the 2020 election will be smoothly executed by mail as in past years. United States Postal Service (USPS) officials that serve Utah and the surrounding region say mail-in ballots only make up a fraction of the service's load and should therefore not pose a challenge to USPS' ability to process ballot, even if turnout exceeds past years. A report by the Brookings Institution gave Utah an "A" for its ability to conduct an election during the pandemic. Utah is considering allowing signature cure forms to be sent and received electronically which may present cybersecurity challenges.

### COVID-19 Considerations

Utah passed legislation requiring counties to offer in-person voting and allowing them to implement alternative methods, including outdoor and drive-thru options. It also instructs the Lieutenant Governor to conduct a campaign to educate voters about changes in voter registration, methods, and processes for casting ballots and to encourage voters to utilize mail-in voting. It requires counties that have a higher risk of ballots being postmarked late to work with their local post office to date stamp those ballots as they come in and to establish additional drop boxes.

### State Elections Background

- **Voter Registration System:** Top-Down
- **Voting Type:** Vote by Mail; Paper Ballots; BMDs; and DREs with VVPAT
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the state level:**

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the local level:**

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- **DHS Sponsored Security Clearances:** Utah

(b)(7)(E)

- **Albert Sensor:** Yes.

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- **Local EI-ISAC Membership:** 100% of locals are members of EI-ISAC.
- **Polling Hours:** 7:00am – 8:00pm (MT)
- **Official Election Website:**  
<https://vote.utah.gov/>

### Risk Assessment and Indicators

- **Voter Registration:** Utah has a top-down voter registration system, meaning the state controls the input and management of the statewide voter registration database. From a risk perspective, this presents a single target which, if affected by an incident, could disrupt the voting process for a number of voters. Conversely, this model also offers some risk management advantages since states following the top-down model tend to have stronger cybersecurity postures than bottom-up states, based on availability of resources. The voter registration deadline is October 23, 2020 in order to automatically receive a mail-in ballot, but registration is available in person during early voting and Election Day.



- **Vote Casting:** Utah primarily utilizes mail-in voting and uses paper ballots, BMDs, and DREs with VVPAT at the polls. Ensuring there is an auditable record provides election officials with the ability to verify that the outcomes of the election are correct. On Election Day, polling places will be open between 7:00am and 8:00pm (MT) across the state.
  - **Mail-in Ballots:** Registered voters will automatically receive a ballot in the mail. Ballots will be mailed between October 13, 2020 and October 27, 2020 depending on the county. Voters who do not receive a ballot during this timeframe should immediately contact their local election office.
- **Early Voting:** Utah offers in-person early voting October 20-30, 2020.

#### Election Day Posture

- Protective Security Advisor (b)(6) Cybersecurity Advisor (b)(6) and Chief Protective Security (b)(6) will provide in-person support at the Utah State Cyber Center.
- Region VIII Regional Director and Operations Staff will virtually support election activities.



## Vermont

### Potential Challenges

The State of Vermont administers elections at the township and city level. In many jurisdictions, the election official is part-time and has limited resources and support. The Secretary of State (SoS) of Vermont provides additional information and support to its locals to help manage the risks of township- and city-level resource challenges. During an exercise to probe for vulnerabilities at a technology conference in summer 2019, ethical hackers were able to manipulate results produced by the optical scanner that many Vermont towns use. However, Vermont election officials say that hackers would need physical access to the machines and the use of voter-marked paper ballots offer a backstop in case of such interference.

### COVID-19 Considerations

Vermont will send mail-in ballots to all active, registered voters for the November General Election. This expansion of mail-in voting comes after the state legislature voted largely along party lines to grant the SoS full authority to unilaterally make emergency election decisions. This vote came after prior disagreement during Spring 2020 between the SoS and Governor over mail-in voting.

### State Elections Background

- **Voter Registration System:** Top-Down
- **Voting Type:** Paper Ballots
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the state level:**  
(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)  
  - Last Mile: 2018 State-Level Election Security Snapshot Poster delivered
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the local level:** None
- **Local EI-ISAC Membership:** 15% of locals are members of EI-ISAC.
- **DHS Sponsored Security Clearances:**  
(b)(7)(E)
- **Albert Sensor:** Yes. (b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)  
(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)
- **Polling Hours:** 5:00am – 7:00pm (ET)
- **Official Election Website:**  
<https://sos.vermont.gov/elections/>

### Risk Assessment and Indicators

- **Voter Registration:** Vermont has a top-down voter registration system, meaning the state controls the input and management of the statewide voter registration database. From a risk perspective, this presents a single target which, if affected by an incident, could disrupt the voting process for a number of voters. Conversely, this model also offers some risk management advantages since states following the top-down model tend to have stronger cybersecurity postures than bottom-up states, based on availability of resources. Voters may register to vote through Election Day, including same-day registration on Election Day.
- **Vote Casting:** Vermont uses paper ballots. Ensuring there is an auditable record provides election officials with the ability to verify that the outcomes of the election are correct. On Election Day, polling places will be open from 5:00am to 7:00pm (ET), although the poll opening time varies by locality between 5:00am and 10:00pm (ET).
  - **Mail-in Ballots:** Vermont offers no-excuse mail-in voting to all voters. Due to COVID-19 concerns, Vermont will send mail-in ballots to all active, registered voters. Voters who do not receive a mail-in

ballot may request one until November 2, 2020. Voted ballots must be returned to the town clerk's office until the day before the election or to the polling place on Election Day.

- **Early Voting:** Vermont will allow early voting at town clerks' offices as soon as mail-in ballots are ready, starting at least as early as September 19, 2020 through Election Day.

### Election Day Posture

- CISA Region I will assume a heightened state of operational readiness to respond to events and incidents affecting the election and supporting infrastructures. CISA Region I will be monitoring remotely and standing by if support is requested. The Protective Security Advisor and Cybersecurity Advisor will remain in close contact with the Vermont SoS Office, Vermont Fusion Center, DHS counterparts, FBI, and all relevant election partners on Election Day.





## Virginia

### Potential Challenges

In early August, the non-profit group Center for Voter Information sent ~500,000 unsolicited mail-in ballot applications to Virginians, many of which had incorrect return addresses. This led to confusion among voters about the legitimacy of the ballot applications and the mail-in voting system overall. Additionally, a local Virginia election official reported that they contacted a major manufacturer of ballot drop boxes and was informed drop boxes were on back order until late September. This compressed timeline for obtaining drop boxes may present time constraints for local election officials and cause some drop boxes to be set up later than expected.

### COVID-19 Considerations

Due to COVID-19, the Commonwealth has expanded in-person absentee early voting from the week prior to the election to 45 days before the election. In February 2020, the Virginia Governor signed into law no-excuse mail-in voting eligibility to all voters. The Commonwealth is anticipating an increase in this service for the General Election. The United States District Court ruled in late August that mail-in voters will not have to obtain a witness signature for the General Election. The state has appropriated \$2 million for prepaid postage for all mail-in ballots, will allow the use of drop boxes, and will implement a mail-in ballot cure process. The Commonwealth is providing PPE for all in-person polling places.

### Commonwealth Elections Background

- **Voter Registration System:** Top-Down
- **Voting Type:** Paper Ballots
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the Commonwealth level:**

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- Last Mile: 2020 State-Level Election Security Snapshot Poster delivered

- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the local level:**

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- **DHS Sponsored Security Clearances:**

(b)(7)(E)

- **Albert Sensor: Yes.** (b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- **County-level Information:** 60% of locals are members of EI-ISAC.
- **Polling Hours:** 6:00am-7:00pm (ET)
- **Official Election Website:**  
<https://www.elections.virginia.gov/>

### Risk Assessment and Indicators

- **Voter Registration:** Virginia has a top-down voter registration system, meaning the Commonwealth controls the input and management of the Commonwealth-wide voter registration database. From a risk perspective, this presents a single target which, if affected by an incident, could disrupt the voting process for a number of voters. Conversely, this model also offers some risk management advantages since states following the top-down model tend to have stronger cybersecurity postures than bottom-up states, based on availability of resources. The voter registration deadline is October 13, 2020. Registrations are due by 5:00pm (ET) in person or 11:59pm (ET) online.

- **Vote Casting:** Virginia uses paper ballots. Ensuring there is an auditable record provides election officials with the ability to verify that the outcomes of the election are correct. On Election Day, polling places will be open from 6:00am (ET) to 7:00pm (ET). Voters are encouraged to use mail-in voting due to COVID-19. All mail-in ballots must be postmarked by November 3, 2020 and received by November 6, 2020 to be considered valid.
  - **Mail-in Ballots:** All registered voters are eligible to apply for a mail-in ballot. Applications must be received by the voter's local registrar by October 26, 2020. Once the application is approved, the local registrar will mail a postage prepaid mail-in ballot with instructions and materials to the voter.
- **Early Voting:** New to the 2020 General Election, Virginia will allow early in-person absentee voting from September 19, 2020 – October 31, 2020. Early voting will be available at the voter's local registrar's office during normal business hours and Saturdays 9:00am (ET) to 5:00pm (ET). Voters do not need to qualify for early voting.

### Election Day Posture

- CISA Cybersecurity Advisors and Protective Security Advisors will support the Virginia Department of Elections command center during on Elections Day.



## Washington

### Potential Challenges

Washington has experienced ongoing civil unrest recently which may pose challenges for administering elections in large cities. These challenges include the potential to limit voter access to drop boxes. Since the state is a vote-by-mail state, COVID-19 may impact the printing and distribution of mail-in ballots. The highest risk areas highlighted in the Washington State Election Task Force's current threat landscape are email, phone, social media, and physical threats; natural hazards; UOCAVA email ballots and voter registration information cybersecurity; and foreign interference/influence. Targets of concern in the state include voter registration databases, tabulation systems, drop boxes, private vendor ballot printing companies, and ballot processing and storage facilities. Due to recent wildfires, election officials may have challenges mailing ballots to displaced voters who no longer reside at their registration address. Additionally, voting centers may move or close if impacted by wildfires.

### COVID-19 Considerations

Washington automatically mails ballots to all registered voters. In mid-September, a mailer sent out by the United States Postal Service encouraged voters to "plan ahead" and request a mail-in ballot at least 15 days before the election. The Secretary of State (SoS) released a clarifying statement that Washington voters do not need to request a ballot and will receive one automatically if registered. State election officials continue to push for good public health hygiene at state and county election offices but have not requested additional PPE.

### State Elections Background

- **Voter Registration System:** Top-Down
- **Voting Type:** Vote-by-Mail
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the state level:**

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- Last Mile: 2018 and 2020 State-Level Election Security Snapshot Poster delivered; 2020 Election Day Emergency Response Guide delivered

- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the local level:**

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- Last Mile: 2018 County-Level Election Security Snapshot Poster delivered

- **DHS Sponsored Security Clearances:**

(b)(7)(E)

- **Albert Sensor:** Yes (b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- **County-level Information:** 100% of locals are members of EI-ISAC.
- **Polling Hours:** County voting centers open during normal business hours beginning October 16, 2020 through 8:00pm (PT) on Election Day
- **Official Election Website:**  
<https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/>

### Risk Assessment and Indicators

- **Voter Registration:** Washington has a top-down voter registration system, meaning the state controls the input and management of the statewide voter registration database. From a risk perspective, this presents a single target which, if affected by an incident, could disrupt the voting process for a number of voters. Conversely, this model also offers some risk management advantages since states following the top-down



model tend to have stronger cybersecurity postures than bottom-up states, based on availability of resources. The state provides mail-in ballots to all voters and has service centers where voters can obtain replacement ballots, which are connected to the statewide voter registration database. Online and mail-in voter registration must be received by October 26, 2020. Residents may also register to vote in-person during normal election office business hours and any time before 8:00pm (PT) on Election Day.

- **Vote Casting:** Washington sends a paper ballot to all registered voters. However, each county will open a voting center during the voting period. Voting centers will be open during business hours during the voting period beginning October 16, 2020 and ending at 8:00pm (PT) on Election Day. Ensuring there is an auditable record provides election officials with the ability to verify that the outcomes of the election are correct.
  - **Mail-in Ballots:** The state will mail a ballot to every eligible registered voter by October 16, 2020. Completed ballots must be returned by mail and postmarked by Election Day or deposited in an official drop box beginning October 16, 2020 through 8:00pm (PT) on Election Day.
- **Early Voting:** Washington voters may cast ballots during the voting period beginning October 16, 2020. Completed ballots must be postmarked by Election Day or deposited in an official drop box by 8:00pm (PT) on Election Day. Residents may also vote in-person at county voting centers during the election period.

### Election Day Posture

- A Washington Protective Security Advisor (PSA) will support the SoS Election Office in Olympia, WA with the FBI Election Crimes Coordinator. A Washington PSA and Cybersecurity Advisor will support the State Fusion Center in Seattle, WA.



## West Virginia

### Potential Challenges

West Virginia will not be sending mail-in ballots to every registered voter as they did for the presidential primary. The change in procedure may cause confusion for some voters who may expect to receive a mail-in ballot application rather than having to apply. In early 2020, due to security concerns with the Voatz app, West Virginia changed its UOCAVA online voting solution to the Democracy Live online ballot delivery, marking, and return system. This system can be used for mail-in voting by voters with disabilities, as well.

### COVID-19 Considerations

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, on April 1, 2020, the West Virginia Governor expanded mail-in ballot application availability to all registered voters. Voters may still vote in person during early voting from October 21, 2020-October 31, 2020 or on the November 3, 2020 Election Day. During the presidential primary, the state sent mail-in ballot applications to every registered voter. For the General Election, voters must request a mail-in ballot beginning August 12, 2020. The request will go into the Statewide Voter Registration System and then be routed to the voter's county clerk, who will send out the ballot with prepaid postage. In response to the volume of mail-in ballots, the Secretary of State Office launched a partnered with Democracy Live to build an online mail-in ballot request portal prior to the General Election.

### State Elections Background

- **Voter Registration System:** Top-Down
- **Voting Type:** Paper Ballots; DREs with VVPAT
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the state level:**

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- Last Mile: 2019 Last Mile State-Level Election Security Snapshot Poster delivered

- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the local level:** None

- **DHS Sponsored Security Clearances:** West (b)(7)(E)

- **Albert Sensor:** Yes (b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- **County-level Information:** 62% of locals are members of EI-ISAC.

- **Polling Hours:** 6:30am-7:30pm (ET)

- **Official Election Website:**  
<https://sos.wv.gov/elections/>

### Risk Assessment and Indicators

- **Voter Registration:** West Virginia has a top-down voter registration system, meaning the state controls the input and management of the statewide voter registration database. From a risk perspective, this presents a single target which, if affected by an incident, could disrupt the voting process for a number of voters. Conversely, this model also offers some risk management advantages since states following the top-down model tend to have stronger cybersecurity postures than bottom-up states, based on availability of resources. The regular voter registration deadline is October 13, 2020. Returning uniformed service members, Merchant Marines, individuals serving outside of the country in support of national security, and their spouses and dependents may request extended time to register in-person should they miss the deadline.
- **Vote Casting:** West Virginia uses paper ballots and DREs with VVPAT. Ensuring there is an auditable record provides election officials with the ability to verify that the outcomes of the election are correct. On

Election Day, most polling places will be open from 6:30am (ET) to 7:30pm (ET). Voters are encouraged to use mail-in voting due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Mail-in ballots without a postmark must be received by the voter's county election office by 7:30pm (ET) on November 3, 2020. Ballots that are postmarked on or before Election Day and overseas ballots must be received by November 8, 2020. Voters may also return their mail-in ballots in-person at their local election office. The deadline for in-person submission of mail-in ballots is November 2, 2020.

- **Mail-in Ballots:** Due to COVID-19, the West Virginia Governor expanded mail-in ballot application availability to all registered voters. Applications are required and must be received by the voter's county Clerk by October 28, 2020. Once the application is approved, the county clerk will send a postage prepaid mail-in ballot with instructions and materials to the voter.
- **Early Voting:** West Virginia will allow early in-person voting from October 21, 2020-October 31, 2020. Early voting will be available at the county courthouse, annex, or designated community voting location during normal business hours and Saturdays 9:00am (ET) to 5:00pm (ET).

### Election Day Posture

- CISA personnel will support and coordinate with election stakeholders via chatrooms and other online platforms. CISA personnel will support in-person, if requested.





## Wisconsin

### Potential Challenges

Wisconsin may be unable to recruit the 30,000+ poll workers needed for the General Election. Public health concerns about COVID-19 have reduced volunteers from normal recruitment numbers in a year when the Wisconsin Election Commission (WEC) expects high in-person turnout and needs staff to process a surge in mail-in ballots. The state saw a jump from 6% mail-in ballots in pre-COVID-19 elections to 82% mail-in ballots in the most recent primary election. The United States Postal Service has warned the state about possible challenges to meeting its mail-in ballot request and return deadlines (October 29, 2020 and Election Day respectively). The WEC has advised voters who plan use mail-in voting to do so as early as possible, warning that it may take up to two weeks in total to receive and return a mail-in ballot. With the expected surge in mail-in ballots, Wisconsin may encounter tabulation and reporting delays compared to past years, as the state does not allow election officials to begin processing ballots before Election Day. Continued civil unrest in Wisconsin could pose challenges for the election community to conduct safe and smooth in-person voting. Civil unrest leading up to Election Day may threaten the security and access to polling places. CISA Region V has established an effective working relationship with the WEC through outreach from Protective Security Advisors (PSA) and Cybersecurity Advisors (CSA). This outreach includes being active members of the Wisconsin Election Security Council established by WEC to improve cyber and physical security preparedness ahead of the 2020 elections. A bipartisan group of politicians has launched VoteSafe WI to support confidence in the election system and to support both in-person and mail-in voting. Wisconsin has the most election jurisdictions in the country (1,852 jurisdictions at the municipal level and 72 county clerks), creating challenges to effectively engaging at the local level.

### COVID-19 Considerations

The WEC is in the process of securing the supplies necessary for the safe administration of in-person voting, but many vendors around the state have exhausted their supply of hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, and other cleaning supplies. The state is planning to implement de-escalation training for clerks to handle encounters related to face coverings. Recognizing challenges to voting during the spring primary amid COVID-19, including long lines at reduced polling places and a high number of rejected mail-in ballots, the WEC has mailed all registered voters informational packets that outline voters' options for casting ballots in the General Election. These packets include mail-in ballot applications, for which all voters are eligible without providing an excuse. The Center for Tech and Civic Life, a nonprofit voting advocacy group, will give five cities (Madison, Milwaukee, Green Bay, Kenosha, and Racine) a total of \$6.3 million in grants to support election administration. Funds will go toward polling stations, curbside voting, public education, and PPE for poll workers.

### State Elections Background

- **Voter Registration System:** Hybrid
- **Voting Type:** Paper Ballot; DREs with VVPAT
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the state level:**

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- Last Mile: 2020 Election Security Snapshot Poster delivered
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the local level:**

(b)(3):6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- **DHS Sponsored Security Clearances:**

(b)(7)(E)

- **Albert Sensor:** Yes

(b)(3) 6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

(b)(3) 6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)

- **Local EI-ISAC Membership:** 2% of locals are members of EI-ISAC.
- **Polling Hours:** 7:00am – 8:00pm (CT)
- **Official Election Website:**  
<https://elections.wi.gov/>

## Risk Assessment and Indicators

- **Voter Registration:** Wisconsin has a hybrid voter registration system, meaning the WEC oversees elections and local election offices transmit data to the state in real time. Hybrid models are a combination of top-down and bottom-up models including risk advantages and vulnerabilities. The voter registration deadline is October 14, 2020 by mail or online. Voters may register in person after this date at the municipal clerk's office or at the polling place on Election Day.
- **Vote Casting:** Wisconsin uses paper ballots and DREs with VVPAT. Ensuring there is an auditable record provides election officials with the ability to verify that the outcomes of the election are correct. On Election Day, polling places will be open between 7:00am and 8:00pm (CT) across the state.
  - **Mail-in Ballots:** All Wisconsin voters are eligible to utilize mail-in voting without an excuse. The WEC mailed all voters a mail-in ballot application with an informational packet that encourages them to vote as early as possible, notifying that it may take as long as two weeks to deliver and return a ballot by mail. The mail-in ballot request deadline is October 29, 2020. Voted ballots must be returned by Election Day according to an early October federal appeals court decision. The previous deadline was that ballots had to be postmarked by Election Day and received by November 9, 2020.
- **Early Voting:** Wisconsin offers in-person absentee voting in municipal clerks' offices starting October 20, 2020, although hours and dates vary by locality.

## Election Day Posture

- PSA (b)(6) will be located at WEC headquarters in downtown Madison, WI and connected virtually to Wisconsin Statewide Intelligence Center. CISA will be supporting all election operations virtually, rather than in person, based on current COVID-19 public health guidelines and guidance from CISA leadership.
- CSAs (b)(6) and (b)(3) 6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A) will be monitoring remotely and standing by if additional local support is requested.
- CISA Region V Operations, Regional Director, and Regional PSA will be monitoring remotely (from Chicago) and standing by if support is requested.
- CISA Region V Operations will also participate in multiple chat rooms, dashboards, and collaboration sites during the voting period to monitor election activities, including the ESI dashboard that will be used to communicate directly with CISA Headquarters.





## Wyoming

### Potential Challenges

Wyoming allows voters to request mail-in ballots until the day before the election. This is a potential point of confusion for voters, as ballots must be returned by the close of polls on Election Day to be counted. This late request deadline could result in some votes not being counted if voters wait until the week before the election to make a request, as the Secretary of State advises that mail delivery within a county can take up to seven days. The state used ranked-choice voting for the first time this year, which could contribute to confusion among some voters. Wyoming recently upgraded all of their voting machines. While staff received training on the new systems, unfamiliarity with the operating systems may cause challenges.

### COVID-19 Considerations

Wyoming's August 2020 primary election had record turnout and was the first election in the state where more votes were cast before Election Day than in person at vote centers. The state made an exception to allow some counties to begin processing ballots before the close of polls for the first time. The state might avoid reporting delays in future elections with a high percentage of mail-in ballots by continuing to allow counties to start tallying votes earlier. Despite being one of the states that received a warning from the United States Postal Service (USPS) about possible challenges in meeting the state's mail-in voting deadlines, state election officials have said they are not concerned about USPS changes significantly affecting the delivery of mail-in ballots. Wyoming has encouraged voters to either return their ballots in person or to vote in person.

### State Elections Background

- **Voter Registration System:** Top-Down
- **Voting Type:** Paper Ballots
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the state level:**  
(b)(3);6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)
- **CISA Cybersecurity Services for Elections at the local level:**  
(b)(3);6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)
- **DHS Sponsored Security Clearances:**  
(b)(7)(E)
- **Albert Sensor:** Yes  
(b)(3);6 USC 1540(d)(3)(A)
- **Local EI-ISAC Membership:** 100% of locals are members of EI-ISAC.
- **Polling Hours:** 7:00am – 7:00pm (MT)
- **Official Election Website:**  
<https://sos.wyo.gov/elections/>

### Risk Assessment and Indicators

- **Voter Registration:** Wyoming has a top-down voter registration system, meaning the state controls the input and management of the statewide voter registration database. From a risk perspective, this presents a single target which, if affected by an incident, could disrupt the voting process for a number of voters. Conversely, this model also offers some risk management advantages since states following the top-down model tend to have stronger cybersecurity postures than bottom-up states, based on availability of resources. The voter registration deadline is October 19, 2020 by mail or online, although registration is available in person during early voting and Election Day.
- **Vote Casting:** Wyoming uses paper ballots. Ensuring there is an auditable record provides election officials with the ability to verify that the outcomes of the election are correct. On Election Day, vote centers will be open between 7:00am and 7:00pm (MT) across the state.



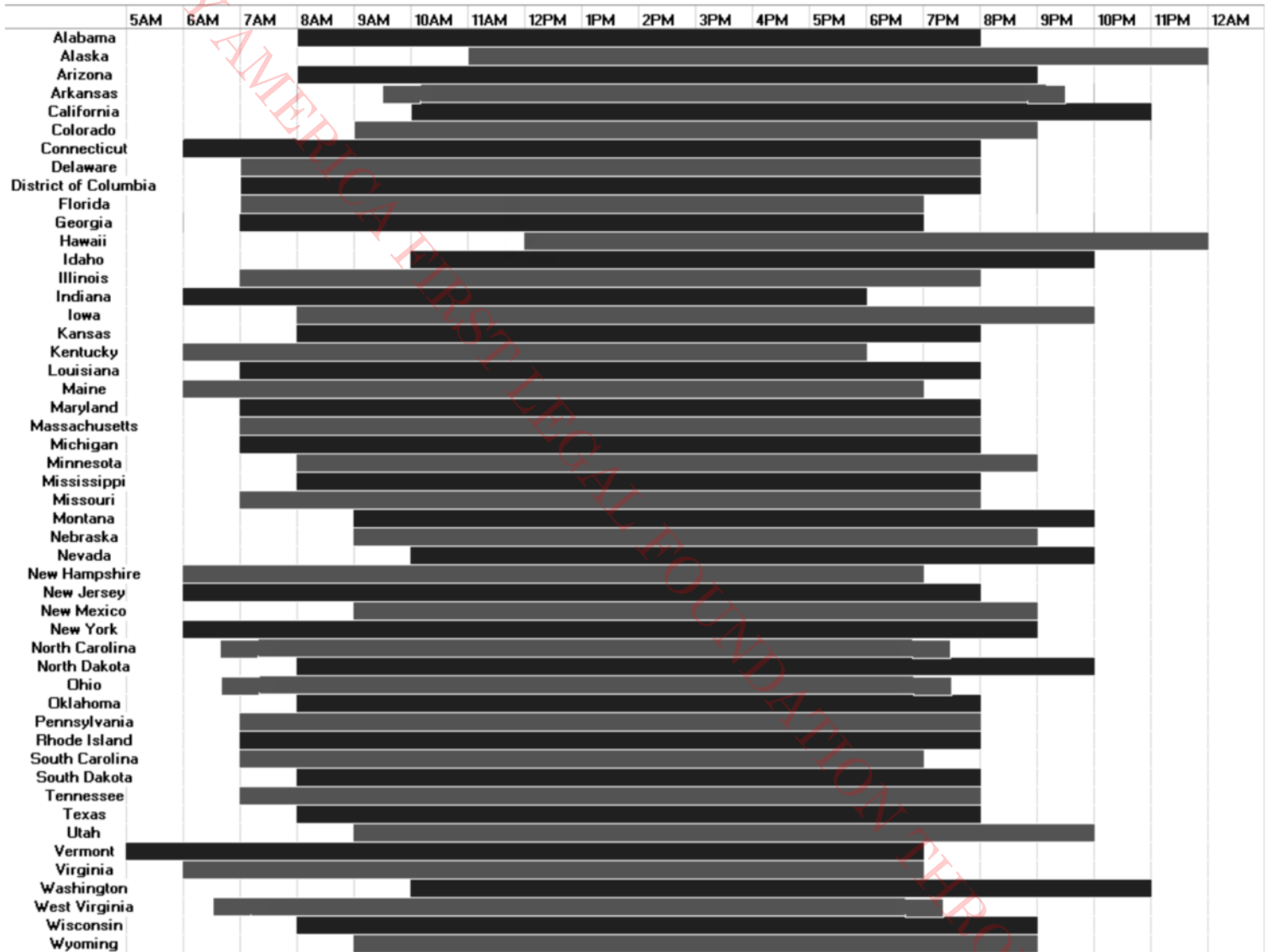
- **Mail-in Ballots:** All voters may request a mail-in ballot until the day before the election. However, as ballots must arrive by the close of polls on Election Day, voters are encouraged to request their ballot at least one week in advance and return it in person to ensure timely delivery.
- **Early Voting:** Wyoming offers in-person absentee voting in county clerks offices as mail-in ballots are available starting September 24, 2020.

### Election Day Posture

- Protective Security Advisor (b)(6) will provide in-person support at the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security.
- Cybersecurity Advisor (b)(6) Region VIII Regional Director, Chief Protective Security (b)(6) and Operations Staff will provide virtual support to election activities.



## Appendix A: Poll Times (ET)



## REGISTRATION SYSTEM





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## TODAY: SENATE FLOOR

The Senate meets in a pro forma session.

## TODAY: HOUSE FLOOR

The House meets in a pro forma session.

## TODAY: NEWS EVENTS

## Foreign Affairs

7:45 a.m. Oct. 27, None given

The Atlantic Council holds a webinar, beginning at 7:45 a.m., on "the future of the U.S.-ROK alliance in an era of great power competition," as part of the 2020 Atlantic Council-East Asia Foundation Strategic Dialogue. Highlights:

- Rep. Ted Yoho, R-Fla., participates in a discussion on "Charting a New Path for the U.S.-ROK Alliance in a Post-COVID-19 World"
- Former Deputy Assistant Treasury Secretary Robert Dohner; and former Korean Minister for Trade Taeho Bark participate in a discussion on "The U.S.-ROK Economic Partnership in a New Era of Great Power Competition"

**Contact:** Travis Horne at 202-778-4993 [press@atlanticcouncil.org](mailto:press@atlanticcouncil.org)

**Note:** Webinar information is available at

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/event/2020-atlantic-council-east-asia-foundation-strategic-dialogue/>

## Foreign Affairs

8 a.m. Oct. 27, None given

The Woodrow Wilson Center (WWC) Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies holds a webcast, beginning at 8 a.m., on "Japanese-Russian Unbalanced Relations: Expectation and Reality from Abe to Suga."

**Contact:** Ryan McKenna at 202-691-4217 [ryan.mckenna@wilsoncenter.org](mailto:ryan.mckenna@wilsoncenter.org)

**Note:** Information on the webcast is available at

<https://www.wilsoncenter.org/event/global-perspectives-japanese-russian-unbalanced-relations-expectation-and-reality-abe-suga>

## Participants:

- Akihiro Iwashita, professor at Hokkaido University
- Shihoko Goto, deputy director for geoeconomics at WWC
- Matthew Rojansky, director of the Kennan Institute

### **Bond Rates**

8:30 a.m. Oct. 27, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C.

#### **New**

Treasury Department Daily reports: State and Local Government Bond Rates and Treasury Yield Curve data

**Contact:** 202-504-3550

### **Durable Goods**

8:30 a.m. Oct. 27, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, D.C.

#### **New**

Commerce Department's Bureau of the Census Advance Report on Durable Goods - Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders for September 2020

**Contact:** 202-482-2235

### **Foreign Affairs**

9 a.m. Oct. 27, None given

The George Washington University's (GWU) Center for Asian Studies holds a webinar, beginning at 9 a.m., on "Taiwan's New Economic Prospects with the U.S. and Beyond."

**Contact:** Jason Shevrin, or gwmedia@gwu.edu at 202-994-5631  
jshevrin@gwu.edu

**Note:** Webinar information is available at <https://calendar.gwu.edu/webinar-roundtable-taiwans-new-economic-prospects-us-beyond>

### **Participants:**

- Taiwan Representative to the U.S.-Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office Hsiao Bi-khim
- Rupert Hammond-Chambers, president of the U.S.-Taiwan Business Council



- Kurt Tong, partner at the Asia Group
- Deepa Ollapally, associate director of the Center for Asian Studies
- Benjamin Hopkins, director of the Center for Asian Studies

### **Foreign Affairs**

*9 a.m. Oct. 27, None given*

The Johns Hopkins University Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) holds a virtual discussion, beginning at 9 a.m., on "India and the China Crisis."

**Contact:** Stacy Anderson at 202-663-5620 sande100@jhu.edu

**Note:** Media RSVP requested. Information on the webcast is available at <https://saiss.jhu.edu/campus-events?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D472672889>

### **Participants:**

- Former Indian National Security Advisor Shivshankar Menon, visiting professor at Ashoka University India
- Eliot Cohen, SAIS dean

### **Foreign Affairs**

*9 a.m. Oct. 27, None given*

The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) holds a webcast, beginning at 9 a.m., on "Elevating Humanitarian Action in Sudan's Democratic Transition."

**Contact:** Andrew Schwartz at 202-775-3242

**Note:** Information on the webcast is available at <https://www.csis.org/events/online-event-elevating-humanitarian-action-sudans-democratic-transition>

### **Participants:**

- • Suliman Baldo, senior adviser at the Sentry
- • Hala Al-Karib, regional director at the Strategic Initiative for Women in the Horn of Africa
- • Jacob Kurtzer, CSIS senior fellow

### **Energy Department Quantum Initiative Issues**

*9 a.m. Oct. 27, None given*

Energy Department (F.R. Page 62722) holds a meeting by webcast of the National Quantum Initiative Advisory Committee. Agenda includes: Member introductions; Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) expectations; Summary of NQI program and U.S. coordination history; National strategy for QIS; Agency updates on NQI program; and Strategic imperatives and NQIAC activity

**Contact:** Karen Talamini at 301-903-4563 NQIAC@science.doe.gov

**Note:** Webcast information at <https://science.osti.gov/About/NQIAC>

### **FDA medical Device user Fees**

*9 a.m. Oct. 27, None given*

Health and Human Services Department; Food and Drug Administration (F.R. Page 55462) holds a meeting by teleconference to discuss proposed recommendations for the reauthorization of the Medical Device User Fee Amendments (MDUFA) for FY2023 through FY2027.

**Contact:** Ellen Olson at 301-796-4322 ellen.olson@fda.hhs.gov;

**Note:** Registration required by 4 p.m. October 23 for dial-in information at <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/workshops-conferences-medical-devices/2020-medical-device-meetings-and-workshops>

### **FDA Neuvasc Medical Device Approval**

*9 a.m. Oct. 27, None given*

Health and Human Services Department; Food and Drug Administration (F.R. Page 57867) holds a meeting by teleconference of the Circulatory System Devices Panel of the Medical Devices Advisory Committee to discuss, make recommendations, and vote on information regarding the premarket approval application for the Neovasc Reducer System sponsored by Neovasc, Inc., for patients suffering from refractory angina pectoris.

**Contact:** Aden Asefa at 301-796-0400 aden.asefa@fda.hhs.gov;

**Note:** Dial-in information at <https://www.fda.gov/advisory-committees/medical-devices-advisory-committee/circulatory-system-devices-panel>

### **HHS Coding Revisions**

*9 a.m. Oct. 27, None given*

Health and Human Services Department; Centers For Medicare & Medicaid Services (F.R. Page 60791) holds a meeting by teleconference on new public requests for revisions to the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Coding for Non-Drug and Non-Biological Items and Services, October 27-28. Agenda includes: Discuss preliminary coding recommendations for new public requests for revisions to the HCPCS Level II code set Durable Medical Equipment (DME) and Accessories, Orthotics and Prosthetics (O&P), Supplies and for non-drug and non-biological items and services

**Contact:** Kimberlee Combs at 410-786-6707 Kimberlee.Combs@cms.hhs.gov

**Note:** Registration information at

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/MedHCPCSGenInfo/HCPCSPublicMeetings>

### **HHS Tick-Borne Disease Research**

*9 a.m. Oct. 27, None given*

Health and Human Services Department (F.R. Page 63122) holds a meeting by teleconference of the Tick-Borne Disease Working Group. Agenda includes: Review chapters and the template for the 2020 report to the HHS Secretary and



Congress to address ongoing tick-borne disease research, including research related to causes, prevention, treatment, surveillance, diagnosis, diagnostics, and interventions for individuals with tick-borne diseases; Advances made pursuant to such research; Federal activities related to tick-borne diseases; and Gaps in tick-borne disease research

**Contact:** James Berger at 202-795-7608 tickbornedisease@hhs.gov

**Note:** Registration required for dial-in information at

<https://www.hhs.gov/ash/advisory-committees/tickbornedisease/meetings/2020-10-27/index.html>

### **Defense Issues**

*10 a.m. Oct. 27, None given*

The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) and the U.S. Naval Institute hold a webcast, beginning at 10 a.m., on "The Movement Toward Greater Integration in Naval Warfare," as part of the Maritime Security Dialogue series.

**Contact:** Andrew Schwartz at 202-775-3242

**Note:** Information on the webcast is available at

<https://www.csis.org/events/online-event-maritime-security-dialogue-movement-toward-greater-integration-naval-warfare>

### **Participants:**

- Navy Vice Adm. James Kilby, deputy chief of naval operations for warfighting requirements and capabilities
- Lt. Gen. Eric Smith, commander of the Marine Corps Combat Development Command
- retired Navy Vice Adm. Peter Daly, publisher and CEO of the U.S. Naval Institute

### **Defense Issues**

*10 a.m. Oct. 27, None given*

The National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) and Texas A&M University hold a virtual symposium, beginning at 10 a.m., on "Joint All-Domain Command and Control (JADC2) and All Domain Warfare," October 27-28. Highlights:

- 10:45 a.m.: Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Charles Brown delivers opening keynote address
- 1:15 p.m.: Joint Chief of Staff Vice Chairman Gen. John Hyten delivers remarks
- 4:05 p.m.: Air Force Gen. Glen VanHerck, commander of NORAD and USNORTHCOM, delivers closing keynote address

**Contact:** Tiffany Milnor at 703-247-2558 [tmilnor@ndia.org](mailto:tmilnor@ndia.org)

**Note:** Information on the webcast is available at <https://www.ndia.org/events/2020/10/27/1841>

### **Foreign Affairs**

*10 a.m. Oct. 27, None given*

New America holds a webinar, beginning at 10 a.m., on "Teetering on the Edge of Uncontrolled Decoupling," focusing on U.S. and Chinese efforts to reduce interdependence. Highlight:

- Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., delivers keynote address

**Contact:** Maria Elkin at 202-847-4769 [elkin@newamerica.org](mailto:elkin@newamerica.org)

**Note:** Webinar information is available at <https://www.newamerica.org/international-security/events/teetering-edge-uncontrolled-decoupling/>

### **Foreign Affairs**

*10 a.m. Oct. 27, None given*

The Middle East Institute (MEI) holds a webinar, beginning at 10 a.m., on "Economic Development and Security: Three Seas Initiative in the Black Sea."

**Contact:** ext. 202 at 202-785-1141 [events@mei.edu](mailto:events@mei.edu)

**Note:** Webinar information is available at <https://www.mei.edu/events/economic-development-and-security-three-seas-initiative-black-sea>

**Participants:**

- • Ian Brzezinski, senior fellow in the Atlantic Council's Transatlantic Security Initiative
- • Mamuka Tsereteli, senior fellow for Eurasia at the American Foreign Policy Council
- • Iulia Joja, senior fellow in the MEI Frontier Europe Initiative
- • Ryan Olson, senior fellow in the MEI Frontier Europe Initiative

**Foreign Affairs**

*10 a.m. Oct. 27, None given*

The Future of Privacy Forum holds its virtual International Tech and Data Conference, beginning at 10 a.m., with the theme "Privacy and Pandemics: Responsible Uses of Technology and Health Data," October 27-28. Highlights:

- 10:10 a.m.: Lauren Gardner, associate civil engineering professor and director of the Johns Hopkins University Center for Systems Science and Engineering, delivers keynote remarks
- 12:30 p.m.: Session on "Use of Technology to Track, Trace and Notify to Control the Spread of COVID-19"

**Contact:** 410-507-7898 [media@fpf.org](mailto:media@fpf.org)

**Note:** Information on the webcast is available at <https://fpf.org/2020-pandemics-conference/>

**Foreign Affairs**

*10 a.m. Oct. 27, None given*

The Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA) holds a webinar, beginning at 10 a.m., on "Two Years into the Ivan Duque Administration."

**Contact:** 202-797-2171



**Note:** Simultaneous interpretation into English will be available. Webinar information is available at <https://www.wola.org/events/two-years-into-the-ivan-duque-administration/>

**Participants:**

- Jose Luciano Sanin Vasquez, director of Viva la Ciudadania
- Linda Cabrera, director of Sisma Mujer
- Diana Sanchez Lara, director of Asociacion Minga
- Lisa Haugaard, co-director of the WOLA Latin America Working Group

**Nigeria Cultural Property Issues**

*10 a.m. Oct. 27, None given*

**Updated**

State Department (F.R. Page 56680) holds a closed meeting by videoconference of the Cultural Property Advisory Committee to review the request by the Government of Nigeria seeking import restrictions on archaeological and ethnological material and review the proposed extension of the cultural property agreement with Greece, October 27-29. Highlight:

-- 2 p.m.: Open session to receive oral public comments on the proposed extension of the cultural property agreement with the Government of the Republic of Bolivia; and Nigeria's request for an agreement and the proposed extension of the agreement with Greece

**Contact:** Allison Davis at 202-632-6305 [culprop@state.gov](mailto:culprop@state.gov)

**Note:** Webcast for the open session at <http://culturalheritage.state.gov>

**NIH Heart, Lung, and Blood Programs**

*10 a.m. Oct. 27, None given*

Health and Human Services Department; National Institutes of Health (F.R. Page 61957) holds a meeting by teleconference of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute. Schedule:

- 10 a.m.: Review and Evaluate Grant Applications and/or Proposals (Closed)
- 12:30 p.m.: Discuss Program Policies and Issues (Open)

**Contact:** Laura Moen at 301-827-5517 moenl@mail.nih.gov

**Note:** Livestream at <https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/about/advisory-and-peer-review-committees/advisory-council>

### **NOAA Commercial Remote Sensing**

*10 a.m. Oct. 27, None given*

Commerce Department; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (F.R. Page 61935) holds a meeting by teleconference of the Advisory Committee on Commercial Remote Sensing, October 27-28. Agenda includes: Hear a report out from the four task groups formed during the 27th meeting of ACCRES; and Discuss both the U.S. and Global perspectives of the current state of the satellite industry

**Contact:** Tahara Dawkins at 301-427-2560 CRSRA@noaa.gov

**Note:** Registration required at <https://forms.gle/HaUfhkRmZQFGs5pv7>

### **Telecommunications**

*10:30 a.m. Oct. 27, None given*

**New**

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) holds a virtual meeting, beginning at 10:30 a.m., on Restoring Internet Freedom Order Remand; Establishing a 5G Fund for Rural America; and Streamlining State and Local Approval of Certain Wireless Structure Modifications.

**Contact:** 202-418-0500

**Note:** Livestream at <http://www.fcc.gov/live>

### **Commerce**

11 a.m. Oct. 27, None given

The Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) NOVA holds its virtual third annual Small Business Enterprise IT (Information Technology) Days, beginning at 11 a.m., with the theme "Maximizing Small Business Innovation, Technology and Agility," October 27-29. Highlight:

-- Noon: Ashley Mahan, director of General Services Administration's Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program; and Hannah Feldman-Hunt, chief innovation officer at the Army Futures Command, participate in a discussion on "Women IT Leadership"

**Contact:** 703-631-6179 info@afceanova.org

**Note:** Information on the webcast is available at  
<https://afceanova.swoogo.com/smallbusinessitdays2020>

### Foreign Affairs

11 a.m. Oct. 27, None given

**New**

The Georgetown University Law Center holds a webcast, beginning at 11 a.m., on "The Future of Migration," as part of the "Americas in Times of COVID-19" series.

**Contact:** Tanya Weinberg at 202-577-7827 tanya.weinberg@georgetown.com

**Note:** Information on the webcast is available at  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1DNYwUx3iNgh\\_5z\\_I7DU1SwWL8VcUerVxXnRbkfMdFF8/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1DNYwUx3iNgh_5z_I7DU1SwWL8VcUerVxXnRbkfMdFF8/viewform?edit_requested=true)

### Participants:

- Miryam Hazan, senior fellow in the Southern Methodist University's Center for Political Studies
- Tracey Horan, education coordinator at the Kino Border Initiative
- Andrew Selee, president of the Migration Policy Institute
- Katharine Donato, director of Georgetown University's Institute for the Study of International Migration



## Foreign Affairs

11 a.m. Oct. 27, None given

### New

Rep. Josh Gottheimer, D-N.J.; and U.S. Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism Elan Carr hold a virtual discussion, beginning at 11 a.m., to discuss recent agreements between Israel and Arab states and announce the introduction of bipartisan legislation to "help Israel protect itself from the Iranian nuclear threat."

**Contact:** James Adams at 202-740-0701

**Note:** Conference call available. RSVP to James.Adams@mail.house.gov for dial-in or videoconference information.

## Foreign Affairs

11 a.m. Oct. 27, None given

Inter-American Dialogue (IAD) holds a webinar, beginning at 11 a.m., on "Anatomy of MS-13 - Policy Implications for El Salvador and the U.S."

**Contact:** or 202-463-2932 at 202-822-9002 [press@thedialogue.org](mailto:press@thedialogue.org)

**Note:** Webinar information is available at <https://www.thedialogue.org/events/online-event-anatomy-of-ms-13-policy-implications-for-el-salvador-and-the-us/>

### Participants:

- Steven Dudley, co-founder and co-director of InSight Crime
- Sonja Wolf, assistant professor in the Center for Economic Research and Teaching's Drug Policy Program
- Ricardo Zuniga, senior diplomatic fellow at the Wilson Center
- Michael Shifter, president of IAD

## Foreign Affairs

11 a.m. Oct. 27, None given

The Hudson Institute holds a webinar, beginning at 11 a.m., on "Advancing Religious Freedom Through U.S. Foreign Assistance."

**Contact:** Carolyn Stewart at 202-974-6456 [cstewart@hudson.org](mailto:cstewart@hudson.org)

**Note:** Webinar information is available at <https://www.hudson.org/events/1878-advancing-religious-freedom-through-u-s-foreign-assistance-a-discussion-with-usaid-acting-administrator-john-barsa-102020>

**Participants:**

- Acting U.S. Agency for International Development Administrator John Barsa
- Nina Shea, director of the Hudson Center for Religious Freedom

**Health Care Issues**

*11 a.m. Oct. 27, None given*

Defense One and Nextgov hold a webcast, beginning at 11 a.m., on "Civilian and Military Health for the Present Day."

**Contact:** 202-266-7332 [events@govexec.com](mailto:events@govexec.com)

**Note:** Information on the webcast is available at <https://www.govexec.com/feature/modern-heartbeat/?oref=ge-events-upcoming>

**Participants:**

- Assistant Veterans Affairs Undersecretary of Health for Discovery, Education and Affiliate Networks Carolyn Clancy
- Sanjay Koyani, executive lead of the HHS Reimagine Data Insights Initiative

**Defense Issues**

*11 a.m. Oct. 27, None given*

**New**

National Defense University Foundation holds a virtual National Security Briefing, beginning at 11 a.m., with Space Force Space Operations Chief Gen. John Raymond.

**Contact:** 202-685-3800

**Note:** Conference call available at 312-248-9348; ID, 805683#; Passcode, 3497#.

Webinar information is available at <https://www.bigmarker.com/creative-liquid/NDUF-Foundation-Virtual-National-Security-Briefing-Series>

### **Transportation**

*11 a.m. Oct. 27, 400 7th St. SW, Washington, D.C.*

**New**

Transportation Department, Bureau of Transportation Statistics North American Freight Data, August 2020

**Contact:** 202-366-5580

### **Defense Issues**

*11:25 a.m. Oct. 27, None given*

**New**

Air Force Gen. Jacqueline Van Ovost, commander of the Air Mobility Command; and Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs Shon Manasco deliver remarks, beginning at 11:25 a.m., at the virtual Airlift/Tanker Association Convention.

**Contact:** 423-902-2297 [ata@atalink.org](mailto:ata@atalink.org)

**Note:** Information on the webcast is available at <https://atalink.org/>

### **Health Care Issues**

*11:30 a.m. Oct. 27, None given*

Washington Post Live holds a webinar, beginning at 11:30 a.m., on "A Safe Reopening," as part of the Future Reset series.

**Contact:** Molly Gannon at 202-334-5531 [postpr@washpost.com](mailto:postpr@washpost.com)

**Note:** Webinar information is available at

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/washington-post-live/2020/10/20/future-reset-safe-reopening/?itid=sf\\_washington-post-live](https://www.washingtonpost.com/washington-post-live/2020/10/20/future-reset-safe-reopening/?itid=sf_washington-post-live)

**Participants:**

- • Former FDA Commissioner Mark McClellan, founding director of the Duke University Center for Health Policy
- • Caitlin Rivers, senior scholar at the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security

**T-Bills Auction**

11:30 a.m. Oct. 27, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C.

New

Treasury Department Auction of 4-week Treasury Bills.

**Contact:** 202-504-3550

**Educational Issues**

Noon Oct. 27, None given

The Tallahassee Lawyers Chapter of the Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies holds a webinar, beginning at 12 p.m., on "School Choice."

**Contact:** 202-822-8138 [rsvp@fed-soc.org](mailto:rsvp@fed-soc.org)

**Note:** Webinar information is available at <https://fedsoc.org/events/a-discussion-about-the-status-of-school-choice>

**Participants:**

- • Former Gov. Jeb Bush, R-Fla., chairman of Excellence in Education

**Foreign Affairs**

Noon Oct. 27, None given



The Atlantic Council holds a webinar, beginning at 12 p.m., on "Local Elections, National Implications: Ukraine at the Ballot Box."

**Contact:** Travis Horne at 202-778-4993 [press@atlanticcouncil.org](mailto:press@atlanticcouncil.org)

**Note:** Webinar information is available at <https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/event/ua-local-elections-national-implications/>

**Participants:**

- • Mykhaylo Shtekel, Donbas reporter for Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty's (RFE/RL) Ukrainian Service
- • Nataliya Sedletska, editor-in-chief at RFE/RL
- • Adrian Karatnycky, managing partner at Myrmidon Group LLC
- • Brian Mefford, managing director at Wooden Horse Strategies LLC
- • Melinda Haring, deputy director of the Atlantic Council's Eurasia Center

**Educational Issues**

*1 p.m. Oct. 27, None given*

The American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research (AEI) holds a webinar, beginning at 1 p.m., on "Why is College Teaching So Hit-or-Miss, and What Can We Do About It?"

**Contact:** 202-862-5829 [mediaservices@aei.org](mailto:mediaservices@aei.org)

**Note:** Webinar information is available at <https://www.aei.org/events/why-is-college-teaching-so-hit-or-miss-and-what-can-we-do-about-it/>

**Participants:**

- • Jonathan Zimmerman, professor of education at the University of Pennsylvania and author of "The Amateur Hour: A History of College Teaching in America"
- • Aimee Eubanks Davis, CEO of Braven
- • Jonathan Gyurko, president of the Association of College and University Educators
- • Frederick Hess, director of education policy studies at AEI

## **Educational Issues**

*1 p.m. Oct. 27, None given*

The Center for American Progress (CAP) holds a webinar, beginning at 1 p.m., on "Protecting College Students," focusing on the Trump administration's scaling back of protections for students enrolled in private for-profit colleges that leave too many with high debt and no degree.

**Contact:** Tom Caiazza at 202-481-7141 [tcaiazza@americanprogress.org](mailto:tcaiazza@americanprogress.org)

**Note:** Webinar information is available at

<https://www.americanprogress.org/events/2020/10/20/492064/protecting-higher-education-students/>

### **Participants:**

- Yan Cao, fellow at the Century Foundation
- Tamara Hiler, director of education at Third Way
- Ben Miller, vice president for post-secondary education at CAP

## **Foreign Affairs**

*1 p.m. Oct. 27, None given*

The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) holds a webcast, beginning at 1 p.m., on "Opening Doors: Embracing Diversity in National Security," the first in a series of quarterly events on diversity, equity, and inclusion issues.

**Contact:** Andrew Schwartz at 202-775-3242

**Note:** Information on the webcast is available at

<https://www.csis.org/events/online-event-opening-doors-conversation-reja-younis>

### **Participants:**

- Reja Younis, program manager in the CSIS Project on Nuclear Issues
- Christine Brazeau, program manager of the CSIS Smart Women, Smart Power Initiative

## Foreign Affairs

1 p.m. Oct. 27, None given

The Business Council for International Understanding (BCIU) holds a virtual discussion, beginning at 1 p.m., on national security and foreign policy.

**Contact:** Pete Nonis at 202-836-8108 pnonis@bcIU.org

**Note:** Event is closed press. Members of the business community may RSVP to attend. Information on the webcast is available at [https://bcIU.zohobackstage.com/Campaign2020\\_BidenPolicyBriefing](https://bcIU.zohobackstage.com/Campaign2020_BidenPolicyBriefing)

### Participants:

- Former Deputy Secretary of State Tony Blinken, senior foreign policy adviser to the Biden for President campaign

## Health Care Issues

1 p.m. Oct. 27, None given

### Updated

The Hill holds a webinar, beginning at 1 p.m., on "COVID-19 and a Responsive Rx Supply Chain."

**Contact:** 202-407-8010 events@thehill.com

**Note:** Webinar information is available at <https://thehill.com/event/520824-america-agenda-covid-19-a-responsive-rx-supply-chain>

### Participants:

- Rep. Earl "Buddy" Carter, R-Ga.
- former HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius
- former Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Secretary Joshua Sharfstein, professor of the practice of health policy and management at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health
- Chip Davis, president and CEO of the Healthcare Distribution Alliance

- Heather Zenk, senior vice president for replenishment and manufacturer operations at AmerisourceBergen

### **Political Affairs**

*1 p.m. Oct. 27, None given*

Politico holds a webinar, beginning at 1 p.m., on "Gen Z Rising," as part of the Election Countdown series.

**Contact:** Heidi Sommer, or 925-708-7409 at 703-842-1132  
hsommer@politico.com

**Note:** Webinar information is available at <https://www.politico.com/live-events/2020/10/27/gen-z-rising-000999>

### **Participants:**

- Laura Barron-Lopez, national political reporter at Politico
- Rishika Dugyala, digital editor at Politico

### **Trade**

*1 p.m. Oct. 27, None given*

The Society for International Affairs (SIA) holds its virtual 2020 Fall Advanced Conference, beginning at 1 p.m., with the theme "Engaging Export Compliance Minds, Empowering Success," October 26-28. Highlight:

-- 1:05 p.m.: Commerce Undersecretary for Industry and Security Cordell Hull delivers keynote remarks

**Contact:** 703-946-5683 [sia@siaed.org](mailto:sia@siaed.org)

**Note:** Webinar information is available at <https://siaed.org/event-3694109>

### **Commerce Technology Export Regulations**

*1 p.m. Oct. 27, None given*



Commerce Department; Bureau of Industry and Security (F.R. Page 65028) holds a meeting by teleconference of the Sensors and Instrumentation Technical Advisory Committee on export controls applicable to sensors and instrumentation equipment and technology. Agenda includes: Welcome and Introductions; Remarks from the Bureau of Industry and Security Management; Industry Presentations; and New Business

**Contact:** Yvette Springer at 202-482-2813

**Note:** RSVP required by October 20 to Yvette.Springer@bis.doc.gov for dial-in information.

### **Foreign Affairs**

*1 p.m. Oct. 27, None given*

#### **New**

The Health and Human Services Department (HHS) Office for Civil Rights holds a virtual discussion, beginning at 1 p.m., on "Religious Freedom in the Age of COVID-19 and Beyond."

**Contact:** 202-690-6343 OCRmedia@hhs.gov

**Note:** Information on the webcast is available at <https://www.hhs.gov/live/live-1/index.html#12826>

### **Participants:**

- • Roger Severino, director of the HHS Office for Civil Rights
- • Principal Deputy Associate Attorney General Claire Murray
- • State Department Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom Samuel Brownback
- • former U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom Vice Chair Kristina Arriaga, executive director for Becket Law

### **Justice Department Corrections Updates**

*1 p.m. Oct. 27, None given*

Justice Department; National Institute of Corrections (F.R. Page 61988) holds a meeting by teleconference of the Advisory Board, October 26-27. Agenda includes: Receive an Agency Report from the NIC Acting Director; and Overviews/updates from the agency's programmatic divisions (jails, prisons, community services, and academy divisions)

**Contact:** Scott Weygandt at 303-338-6626;

**Note:** See contact for dial-in information.

### **National Geospatial Advisory Committee Updates**

*1 p.m. Oct. 27, None given*

Interior Department; Geological Survey (F.R. Page 61027) holds a meeting by teleconference of the National Geospatial Advisory Committee, October 27-28. Agenda includes: FGDC Update; Geospatial Data Act Implementation; National Spatial Data Infrastructure Strategic Plan; Landsat Advisory Group; NGAC Operations; Public-Private Partnerships; and Public Comments

**Contact:** John Mahoney at 206-220-4621 [jmahoney@usgs.gov](mailto:jmahoney@usgs.gov)

**Note:** RSVP required at least five business days prior to the event for dial-in information.

### **NOAA Science Updates**

*1 p.m. Oct. 27, None given*

Commerce Department; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (F.R. Page 59293) holds a meeting by teleconference of the Science Advisory Board, October 27-28. Agenda includes: NOAA Updates; Discussion of the SAB work plan; and Other topics

**Contact:** Cynthia Decker at 301-734-1156 [Cynthia.Decker@noaa.gov](mailto:Cynthia.Decker@noaa.gov)

**Note:** Registration information at <http://sab.noaa.gov/SABMeetings.aspx>

## **Health Care Issues**

*1:30 p.m. Oct. 27, None given*

The National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NAS) holds a webcast, beginning at 1:30 p.m., on "COVID-19 and the Geography of Vulnerability." Highlight:

-- Eric Tate, associate professor at the University of Iowa, delivers keynote remarks

**PARTICIPANTS:** Elisabeth Root, professor at Ohio State University; Peter Smittenaar, director of data science and artificial intelligence at the Surgo Foundation; LaToya Eaves, assistant professor at the University of Tennessee; Karen Falconer Al-Hindi, professor at the University of Nebraska, Omaha; and Aaron Strong, economist at the RAND Corporation

**Contact:** Elleni Giorgis at 202-334-2731 [egiorgis@nas.edu](mailto:egiorgis@nas.edu)

**Note:** Information on the webcast is available at

<https://www.nationalacademies.org/event/10-27-2020/covid-19-and-the-geography-of-vulnerability>

## **Commerce**

*2 p.m. Oct. 27, None given*

Grant Thornton and Deltek hold a virtual discussion, beginning at 2 p.m., on "Performance Audits: What Are They and Why They Can Be Useful to Your Organization?"

**Contact:** Duy Nguyen at 703-637-3006 [Duy.Nguyen@us.gt.com](mailto:Duy.Nguyen@us.gt.com)

**Note:** Webinar information is available at <https://tinyurl.com/y32rn7oz>

## **Participants:**

- Annette Grotz, product strategy and management manager at Deltek
- Arthur Burgess, director of Grant Thornton's Government Contracts Advisory Practice

- • TaMiya Dickerson, advisory services partner and leader of the Grant Thornton's West Region Advisory Practice
- • Justin Reid, senior manager at the Grant Thornton's Government Contracts Advisory Practice

### **Energy Issues**

*2 p.m. Oct. 27, None given*

The American Council on Renewable Energy (ACORE) and BloombergNEF hold a virtual discussion, beginning at 2 p.m., on "How Can Hydrogen Enable 100 Percent Renewable Targets," part of the "State of the Industry" webinar series.

**Contact:** Allison Barycki at 202-507-4638 barycki@acore.org

**Note:** Webinar information is available at

[https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7808985977661010444?mc\\_cid=09873ffc2&mc\\_eid=d228aa47ea](https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7808985977661010444?mc_cid=09873ffc2&mc_eid=d228aa47ea)

### **Participants:**

- • Michael Ducker, vice president for renewable fuels at Mitsubishi Power
- • Sean Ebnet, vice president for business development at Orsted
- • Skip Grow, managing director of Morgan Stanley
- • Lorraine Paskett, vice president of market and policy development at True North Renewable Energy
- • Megan Berge, partner at Baker Botts
- • Greg Wetstone, ACORE president and CEO
- • Bill Parsons, ACORE COO
- • Ethan Zindler, Americas head at BloombergNEF

### **Foreign Affairs**

*2 p.m. Oct. 27, None given*

The Atlantic Council holds a webinar, beginning at 2 p.m., on "Resilience and Recovery in the Wake of the COVID-19 Crisis."

**Contact:** Travis Horne at 202-778-4993 press@atlanticcouncil.org



**Note:** Webinar information is available at

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/event/resilience-and-recovery-in-the-wake-of-the-covid19-crisis/>

**Participants:**

- • Radovan Geist, publisher of Euractiv.sk
- • Konrad Poplawski, head of the Center for Eastern Studies' Central European Department
- • Tomas Prouza, president of the Confederation of Trade and Tourism of the Czech Republic
- • Marton Ugrosdy, director of the Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary
- • Alena Kudzko, director of the GLOBSEC Policy Institute

**Political Affairs**

*2 p.m. Oct. 27, None given*

The Brookings Institution holds a webinar, beginning at 2 p.m., on "Election 2020: Driving Forces and Possible Outcomes."

**Contact:** 202-797-6105 [events@brookings.edu](mailto:events@brookings.edu)

**Note:** Webinar information is available at

<https://www.brookings.edu/events/election-2020-driving-forces-and-possible-outcomes/>

**Participants:**

- • John Hudak, senior fellow in governance studies at Brookings
- • Sarah Binder, senior fellow in governance studies at Brookings
- • William Galston, senior fellow in governance studies at Brookings
- • Elaine Kamarck, senior fellow in governance studies at Brookings
- • Rashawn Ray, fellow in governance studies at Brookings
- • Vanessa Williamson, senior fellow in governance studies at Brookings

**Technology Issues**

2 p.m. Oct. 27, None given

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce (USCC) holds a webinar, beginning at 2 p.m., on "American Innovators: America's Next Tech Upgrade," providing an outline of the Chamber's technology agenda for 2021.

**Contact:** 202-463-5682 [press@uschamber.com](mailto:press@uschamber.com)

**Note:** Webinar information is available at

<https://www.uschamber.com/event/american-innovators-americas-next-tech-upgrade>

**Participants:**

- Rep. Suzan DelBene, D-Wash.
- Assistant Transportation Secretary Finch Fulton
- Evan Swarztrauber, policy adviser at the FCC
- Ed Gillespie, senior executive vice president of AT&T
- FTC Commissioner Noah Phillips

**Energy Issues**

2:30 p.m. Oct. 27, None given

**New**

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., holds a virtual news conference, beginning at 2:30 p.m., "to call on the Trump administration to release vital Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funding for low-income seniors and families."

**Contact:** Miriam Cash at 202-224-3873

**Note:** RSVP required for webinar information to [press\\_gillibrand@gillibrand.senate.gov](mailto:press_gillibrand@gillibrand.senate.gov) for dial-in information.

**Interest Rates**

2:30 p.m. Oct. 27, 20th St. and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, D.C.

**New**

Federal Reserve Board Selected interest rates daily update

**Contact:** 202-452-3206

### **Health Care Issues**

*3 p.m. Oct. 27, None given*

The Heritage Foundation holds a webinar, beginning at 3 p.m., on "The Fight to Get a COVID-19 Vaccine: The Inside Story of the Administration's Operation Warp Speed."

**Contact:** 202-675-1761 lectures.seminars@heritage.org

**Note:** Webinar information is available at <https://www.heritage.org/public-health/event/virtual-event-the-fight-get-covid-19-vaccine-the-inside-story-the>

### **Participants:**

- • Army Gen. Gustave Perna, COO of Operation Warp Speed
- • Matthew Hepburn, head of vaccine development at Operation Warp Speed

### **Technology Issues**

*3 p.m. Oct. 27, None given*

AT&T holds a virtual book discussion, beginning at 3 p.m., on "The Ethical Algorithm: The Science of Socially Aware Algorithmic Design."

**Contact:** Daphne Avila daphne.avila@att.com

**Note:** Information on the webcast is available at <https://web.cvent.com/event/0fe3e8de-a0b1-4a4b-b511-31bb7b9c9f9f/summary>

### **Participants:**

- • Co-author Michael Kearns
- • co-author Aaron Roth
- • Ina Fried, chief technology correspondent at Axios

## **GSA Energy Storage Strategies**

*3 p.m. Oct. 27, None given*

General Services Administration (F.R. Page 60787) holds a meeting by teleconference of the The Sustainable Response to COVID-19 Task Group to analyze potential impacts on federal facility sustainability, including occupant health and wellness, related to the potential implementation of COVID-19 mitigation measures and operational practices.

**Contact:** Ken Sandler at (b)(6)

**Note:** Meetings will take place on Tuesdays from October 6 through February 2. Registration required by 5 p.m. September 30 to (b)(6)

## **Peanuts**

*3 p.m. Oct. 27, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, D.C.*

**New**

Agriculture Department, National Agricultural Statistics Service Peanut Stocks and Processing Report

**Contact:** 800-727-9540

## **Foreign Affairs**

*4 p.m. Oct. 27, None given*

**New**

The National Center on Education and the Economy (NCEE) and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) hold a webinar, beginning at 4 p.m., on "Are Students Prepared for an Interconnected World? Examining Global Competency in the 21st Century," focusing on the findings from the sixth and final volume of the program for International Student Assessment 2018 results.

**Contact:** 202-379-1800 [info@ncee.org](mailto:info@ncee.org)



**Note:** Webinar information is available at

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1548020423266123532>

**Participants:**

- • Anthony Mackay, president and CEO of NCEE
- • Andreas Schleicher, director for education and skills at the OECD

**Political Affairs**

*4 p.m. Oct. 27, None given*

The American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research (AEI) holds a virtual discussion, beginning at 4 p.m., on "First 200 Days: How technology can make or break the president's agenda."

**Contact:** 202-862-5829 [mediaservices@aei.org](mailto:mediaservices@aei.org)

**Note:** Submit questions to Olivia Shaw at [olivia.shaw@aei.org](mailto:olivia.shaw@aei.org). Registration requested. Livestream at <http://www.american.com/watch/aei-livestream>

**Participants:**

- • Former Deputy U.S. CTO Nicole Wong
- • David Almay, founder of CapitalGig LLC
- • Mina Hsiang, vice president of policy and government affairs at Devoted Health
- • Cassandra Madison, acting executive director of the Tech Talent Project
- • John Bailey, AEI visiting fellow

**Political Affairs**

*4 p.m. Oct. 27, None given*

The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy (ACS) holds a virtual discussion, beginning at 4 p.m., on "One Week Out: The Legal Landscape of Election 2020."

**Contact:** 202-393-6181

**Note:** Webinar information is available at <https://www.acslaw.org/event/one-week-out-the-legal-landscape-of-election-2020/>

**Participants:**

- • Kat Calvin, founder and executive director of Spread the Vote
- • Jonathan Diaz, legal counsel at the Campaign Legal Center
- • Daniel Tokaji, dean and law professor at the University of Wisconsin Law School
- • Lindsay Langholz, director of ACS Policy and Program

**Political Affairs**

*5 p.m. Oct. 27, None given*

Politics and Prose Bookstore holds a book discussion, beginning at 5 p.m., on "Joe Biden: The Life, the Run and What Matters Now."

**Contact:** 202-364-1919 [books@politics-prose.com](mailto:books@politics-prose.com)

**Note:** Information on the webcast is available at <https://www.politics-prose.com/event/book/pp-live-evan-osnos-joe-biden-in-conversation-pete-buttigieg>

**Participants:**

- • Former South Bend, Ind. Mayor Pete Buttigieg
- • author Evan Osnos, staff writer at the New Yorker

**Daily Federal Budget**

*5 p.m. Oct. 27, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C.*  
**New**

Treasury Department Daily Treasury Statement

**Contact:** 202-504-3550

**Petroleum Supplies**

5 p.m. Oct. 27, 1220 L St NW, Washington, D.C.

**New**

American Petroleum Institute Brief summary of its weekly report on petroleum inventories.

**Contact:** 202-682-8114

### **Political Affairs**

5:30 p.m. Oct. 27, None given

The Brennan Center for Justice holds a webinar, beginning at 5:30 p.m., on "Democracy and the Electoral College."

**Contact:** 202-249-7190

**Note:** Webinar information is available at

<https://www.brennancenter.org/events/democracy-and-electoral-college>

### **Participants:**

- • Amel Ahmed, associate professor of political science at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst
- • Jesse Wegman, member of the editorial board of the New York Times
- • John Avlon, senior political analyst at CNN
- • Wilfred Codrington III, fellow at the Brennan Center

### **Defense Issues**

7 p.m. Oct. 27, None given

**New**

The Armed Services YMCA holds its virtual 14th Annual Angels of the Battlefield Awards ceremony, beginning at 7 p.m., to recognize the bravery and critical role military medical service members play at home and overseas. Highlight:

-- 7 p.m.: Joint Chiefs Chairman Army Gen. Mark Milley delivers keynote remarks

**Contact:** [info@asymca.org](mailto:info@asymca.org)

**Note:** Information on the webcast is available at

<https://www.facebook.com/asymca>

### **Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden's Schedule**

*Time -- All Day Oct. 27, Location as Noted*

#### **Updated**

All times are local to the events.

-- 1:30 p.m.: Delivers remarks on bringing Americans together to address the crises facing our nation. Warm Springs, Ga. Pooled press. Livestream at <https://joebiden.com/>

-- 5 p.m.: Attends a drive-in event in Atlanta. Ga. Pooled press. Livestream at <https://joebiden.com/>

**Contact:** BidenPress@JoeBiden.com

### **Democratic vice presidential nominee Kamala Harris' Schedule**

*Time -- All Day Oct. 27, Location as Noted*

#### **Updated**

All times are local to the events.

-- 1:30 p.m.: Participates in an early voter mobilization event. Reno, Nev. Pooled press. Livestream at [https://live.joebiden.com/c/1023\\_kdh-ga](https://live.joebiden.com/c/1023_kdh-ga)

-- 5:30 p.m.: Participates in an early voter mobilization event. Las Vegas. Pooled press. Livestream at [https://live.joebiden.com/c/1023\\_kdh-ga](https://live.joebiden.com/c/1023_kdh-ga)

**Contact:** BidenPress@JoeBiden.com

### **Taxes**

*Time TBA, Oct. 27, None given*

The Patriotic Millionaires holds a national series on "Tax the Rich. Save America. Virtual Roadshow," beginning at 3 p.m., on "how the U.S. tax code is currently rigged to benefit the rich and powerful."

**Contact:** Peter Rossi at 714-337-9358 [peter@patrioticmillionaires.org](mailto:peter@patrioticmillionaires.org)



**Note:** Register at <https://taxtherich.com/?emci=dda8f0ed-650d-eb11-96f5-00155d03affc&emdi=a4acce99-680d-eb11-96f5-00155d03affc&ceid=1068184>

**Participants:**

- • Rep. Jamie Raskin, D-Md.

**President Donald Trump's Schedule**

*Time -- All Day Oct. 27, Location as Noted*

**Updated**

All times are local to the events.

- 12:30 p.m.: Departs the White House en route Joint Base Andrews. In-house pool.
- 12:40 p.m.: Arrives at Joint Base Andrews. Out-of-town travel pool.
- 12:50 p.m.: Departs Joint Base Andrews en route Lansing, Mich. Out-of-town travel pool.
- 2:25 p.m.: Arrives at Capital Region International Airport, 3121 West Circle Drive, Lansing, Mich. Open to pre-credentialed media.
- 2:30 p.m.: Delivers remarks at a "Make America Great Again" rally. Capital Region International Airport, 3121 West Circle Drive, Lansing, Mich. Open to pre-credentialed media.
- 4 p.m.: Departs Lansing, Mich. en route La Crosse, Wis. Out-of-town travel pool.
- 4:15 p.m.: Arrives at La Crosse Regional Airport. La Crosse, Wis. Out-of-town travel pool.
- 4:25 p.m.: Departs La Crosse, Wis. en route West Salem, Wis. Out-of-town travel pool.
- 4:40 p.m.: Arrives at MotorSports Management Company, N4985b County Highway M, West Salem, Wis. Out-of-town travel pool.
- 4:45 p.m.: Delivers remarks at a "Make America Great Again" rally. MotorSports Management Company, N4985b County Highway M, West Salem, Wis. Open to pre-credentialed media.
- 6:20 p.m.: Departs West Salem, Wis. en route La Crosse, Wis. Out-of-town travel pool.
- 6:35 p.m.: Arrives at La Crosse Regional Airport, La Cross, Wis. Out-of-town travel pool.

- 6:45 p.m.: Departs La Crosse, Wis. en route Omaha, Neb. Open to pre-credentialed media.
- 7:50 p.m.: Arrives at Eppley Airfield. Omaha, Neb. Open to pre-credentialed media.
- 8 p.m.: Delivers remarks at a "Make America Great Again" rally. Tac Air, 3737 Orville Plaza, Omaha, Neb. Open to pre-credentialed media.
- 9:25 p.m.: Departs Omaha, Neb. en route to Las Vegas, Nev.
- 9:50 p.m.: Arrives at McCarran International Airport, McCarran Airport Warehouse, 5875 Spencer Street, Las Vegas, Nev. Open to pre-credentialed media. RSVP required by 2 p.m. October 26 at <https://events.whitehouse.gov/form/EventInterest?rid=J6QD8MGD32>
- 10 p.m.: Departs McCarran International Airport en route to RON Location. Las Vegas, Nev. Out-of-town travel pool.
- 10:15 p.m.: Arrives at RON Location. Las Vegas, Nev. Out-of-town travel pool.

**Contact:** 202-456-9570 WhoPress@who.eop.gov

#### **Vice President Mike Pence's Schedule**

*Time -- All Day Oct. 27, Location as Noted*

#### **New**

All times are local to the events.

- 12:30 p.m.: Delivers remarks at a "Make America Great Again" rally. Piedmont Triad International Airport, Greensboro, N.C. RSVP required by 12:30 p.m. October 26 at <https://events.donaldjtrump.com/credentialing/jfqg6tktyy>
- 3:50 p.m.: Arrives at Donaldson Center Airport, Donaldson Fire Department, Station 2, 698 Old Taxi Way, Greenville, S.C. RSVP required by 5 p.m. October 26 to [pressrsvp@ovp.eop.gov](mailto:pressrsvp@ovp.eop.gov)
- TBA: Delivers remarks at a "Make America Great Again" rally. Donaldson Airport, Greenville, S.C. RSVP required by 3:30 p.m. October 26 at <https://events.donaldjtrump.com/credentialing/u6ukmuheck>
- 6:30 p.m.: Delivers remarks at a "Make America Great Again" rally. Wilmington International Airport, Wilmington, N.C. RSVP required by 6:30 p.m. October 26 at <https://events.donaldjtrump.com/credentialing/bkd4kcx4pp>

**Contact:** 202-456-9570 [press@ovp.eop.gov](mailto:press@ovp.eop.gov)

### **Defense Secretary Mark Esper's Schedule**

*Time -- All Day Oct. 27, Location as Noted*

#### **Updated**

All times are local to the events.

- 9:10 a.m.: With Secretary of State Pompeo, participates in a wreath laying at the National War Memorial, in New Delhi, India. Open press.
- 10:15 a.m.: With Secretary of State Pompeo, participates in the U.S.-India 2+2 Ministerial plenary session. Closed press.
- 11:15 a.m.: With Secretary of State Pompeo, attends the U.S.-India 2+2 Ministerial lunch. Closed press.
- 1 p.m.: With Secretary of State Pompeo, meets with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in New Delhi, India. Closed press.
- 1:55 p.m.: With Secretary of State Pompeo, holds a Joint U.S.-India 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue press availability with Indian External Affairs Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar and Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, in New Delhi, India. Open press.
- Note: The secretary is on travel to India and other countries in the region, October 25-29.

**Contact:** 703-697-5131

### **Secretary of State Mike Pompeo's Schedule**

*Time -- All Day Oct. 27, Location as Noted*

#### **Updated**

All times are local to the events.

- 9:10 a.m.: With Defense Secretary Esper, participates in a wreath laying at the National War Memorial, in New Delhi, India. Open press.
- 10:15 a.m.: With Defense Secretary Esper, participates in the U.S.-India 2+2 Ministerial plenary session. Closed press.
- 11:15 a.m.: With Defense Secretary Esper, attends the U.S.-India 2+2 Ministerial lunch. Closed press.

- 1 p.m.: With Defense Secretary Esper, meets with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in New Delhi, India. Closed press.
- 1:55 p.m.: With Defense Secretary Esper, holds a Joint U.S.-India 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue press availability with Indian External Affairs Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar and Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, in New Delhi, India. Open press.
- On travel to New Delhi, India; Colombo, Sri Lanka; Male, Maldives; and Jakarta, Indonesia, October 25-30.

**Contact:** 202-647-2492 PAPressDuty@state.gov

### **Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin's Schedule**

*Time -- All Day Oct. 27, Location as Noted*

**New**

All times are local to the events.

- TBA: Participates in a White House Coronavirus Task Force meeting. White House, Situation Room. Closed press.

**Contact:** 202-622-2960 press@treasury.gov

### **Commerce Department's Bureau of the Census**

*Time -- All Day Oct. 27, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, D.C.*

**New**

Commerce Department's Bureau of the Census Housing Vacancies for 3rd quarter 2020

**Contact:** 202-482-2235

### **Supreme Court**

*Time -- All Day Oct. 27, 1 First St. NE, Washington, D.C.*

**New**

No oral arguments scheduled.



**Contact:** 202-479-3211

**U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit**

*Time -- All Day Oct. 27, E. Barrett Prettyman U.S. Courthouse, 333 Constitution Avenue NW, 5th Floor, Washington, D.C.*

**New**

No oral arguments scheduled.

**Contact:** 202-216-7000

**FUTURE: SENATE FLOOR**

*Oct. 28, Not in Session*

The Senate is not in session.

*Oct. 29, Not in Session*

The Senate is not in session.

*Oct. 30, Noon*

The Senate meets in a pro forma session.

*Nov. 2, Not in Session*

The Senate is not in session.

*Nov. 3, 10:15 a.m.*

The Senate meets in a pro forma session.

*Nov. 4, Not in Session*

The Senate is not in session.

*Nov. 5, Not in Session*

The Senate is not in session.

Nov. 6, 10 a.m.

The Senate meets in a pro forma session.

Nov. 9, 3 p.m.

The Senate convenes at 3 p.m. Following leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of James Ray Knepp II to be a U.S. district judge for the Northern District of Ohio. At 5:30 p.m., the Senate will vote on the McConnell, R-Ky., motion to invoke cloture on the Knepp nomination.

Nov. 9

**Nominations:**

- James Ray Knepp II to be a U.S. district judge for the Northern District of Ohio

**FUTURE: SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**SENATE BANKING, HOUSING & URBAN AFFAIRS**

Full Committee Hearing

**Oversight of Financial Regulators (Full Listing)**

Nov. 10, 2 p.m., None given

Full Committee Hearing

**SEC Oversight (Full Listing)**

Nov. 17, 10 a.m., None given

**SENATE COMMERCE, SCIENCE & TRANSPORTATION**

Full Committee Hearing

**Big Tech Company's Liability Shield (Full Listing)**

Oct. 28, 10 a.m., G-50 Dirksen Bldg.

**Full Committee Hearing**

**Pending Nominations (Full Listing)**

Nov. 10, 2:30 p.m., 253 Russell Bldg.

**FUTURE: HOUSE FLOOR**

Oct. 30

The House is expected to meet in a pro forma session.

**FUTURE: NEWS EVENTS**

These are partial listings. View more on CQ.com

**Foreign Affairs (Full Listing)**

Oct. 28, 8 a.m., None given

The Atlantic Council holds a virtual discussion, beginning at 8 a.m., on "Women, democracy and peace."

**Banking (Full Listing)**

Oct. 28, 9 a.m., None given

The Peterson Institute for International Economics (PIIE) holds a webinar, beginning at 9 a.m., on "Are Megabanks Still a Problem?"

**Foreign Affairs (Full Listing)**

Oct. 28, 9 a.m., None given

The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (CEIP) holds a webinar, beginning at 9 a.m., on "Watching the Watchers: Investigative Journalism in the Digital Age."

### **HHS Coding Revisions (Full Listing)**

*Oct. 28, 9 a.m., None given*

Health and Human Services Department; Centers For Medicare & Medicaid Services (F.R. Page 60791) holds a meeting by teleconference on new public requests for revisions to the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Coding for Non-Drug and Non-Biological Items and Services, October 27-28. Agenda includes: Discuss preliminary coding recommendations for new public requests for revisions to the HCPCS Level II code set Durable Medical Equipment (DME) and Accessories, Orthotics and Prosthetics (O&P), Supplies and for non-drug and non-biological items and services

### **Foreign Affairs (Full Listing)**

*Oct. 28, 10 a.m., None given*

The Woodrow Wilson Center (WWC) Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies holds a webcast, beginning at 10 a.m., on "Egypt-Russia Relations."

### **Foreign Affairs (Full Listing)**

*Oct. 28, 10 a.m., None given*

The Middle East Institute (MEI) holds a webinar, beginning at 10 a.m., with former Assistant Defense Secretary for International Security Derek Chollet on U.S.-Mideast issues, as part of the Defense Leadership series.

### **Foreign Affairs (Full Listing)**

*Oct. 28, 10 a.m., None given*

The United States Institute of Peace (USIP) holds a webinar, beginning at 10 a.m., on "Kyrgyzstan's Unfinished 'Revolution': How the Upheaval from 2020 is Different."

### **Foreign Affairs (Full Listing)**

*Oct. 28, 10 a.m., None given*



The Future of Privacy Forum holds its virtual International Tech and Data Conference, beginning at 10 a.m., with the theme "Privacy and Pandemics: Responsible Uses of Technology and Health Data," October 27-28. Highlights:

- 10:10 a.m.: Katherine Yelick, associate dean for research at the University of California, Berkeley Division of Computing, Data Science and Society, delivers keynote remarks
- 10:40 a.m.: Session on "Adapting Legal and Regulatory Responses to a Global Emergency"

#### **Foreign Affairs (Full Listing)**

*Oct. 28, 10 a.m., None given*

The George Washington University (GWU) Elliott School of International Affairs holds a virtual Korean Policy Forum, beginning at 10 a.m., on "U.S.-ROK-Japan Trilateral Relations in the Post-Abe Era."

#### **Globalization (Full Listing)**

*Oct. 28, 10 a.m., None given*

The American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research (AEI) holds a webinar, beginning at 10 a.m., on "Global Development Over the Horizon."

#### **HHS Immunization Practices (Full Listing)**

*Oct. 28, 10 a.m., None given*

Health and Human Services Department; Centers For Disease Control and Prevention (F.R. Page 64480) holds a meeting by teleconference of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, October 28-30.

#### **Nigeria Cultural Property Issues (Full Listing)**

*Oct. 28, 10 a.m., None given*

#### **Updated**

State Department (F.R. Page 51542) holds a closed meeting by videoconference of the Cultural Property Advisory Committee to review the request by the Government of Nigeria seeking import restrictions on archaeological and

ethnological material and review the proposed extension of the cultural property agreement with Greece, October 27-29.

#### **NOAA Commercial Remote Sensing (Full Listing)**

*Oct. 28, 10 a.m., None given*

Commerce Department; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (F.R. Page 61935) holds a meeting by teleconference of the Advisory Committee on Commercial Remote Sensing, October 27-28. Agenda includes: Hear a report out from the four task groups formed during the 27th meeting of ACCRES; and Discuss both the U.S. and Global perspectives of the current state of the satellite industry

#### **Political Affairs (Full Listing)**

*Oct. 28, 10 a.m., None given*

Duke University holds a virtual discussion, beginning at 10 a.m., on "The Factors Driving Voters to the Polls."

#### **SEC Derivatives Regulations (Full Listing)**

*Oct. 28, 10 a.m., None given*

Securities and Exchange Commission (F.R. Page 67806) holds a meeting by teleconference to consider whether to adopt rules and related amendments designed to provide an updated and more comprehensive approach to the regulation of funds' use of derivatives and other transactions while enhancing investor protections.

#### **Trade (Full Listing)**

*Oct. 28, 10 a.m., None given*

The Washington International Trade Association (WITA) holds a webinar, beginning at 10 a.m., with trade reporters on "Biden 1 or Trump 2?"

#### **Foreign Affairs (Full Listing)**

Oct. 28, 10:30 a.m., None given

The Hudson Institute holds a webinar, beginning at 10:30 a.m., on "America's National Security Challenges, Today and Tomorrow."

#### **Foreign Affairs (Full Listing)**

Oct. 28, 10:30 a.m., None given

The German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMFUS) holds a webinar, beginning at 10:30 a.m., on "Perspectives of Post-COVID-19 Economic Recovery in Central and Eastern Europe."

#### **Health Care Issues (Full Listing)**

Oct. 28, 10:30 a.m., None given

Washington Post Live holds a webinar, beginning at 10:30 a.m., on "The Path Forward: Small Business," as part of the Path Forward series.

#### **CDC Coronavirus Updates (Full Listing)**

Oct. 28, 11 a.m., None given

Health and Human Services Department; Centers For Disease Control and Prevention (F.R. Page 56621) holds a meeting by teleconference of the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Advisory Committee, October 28-29. Agenda includes: Updates from CDC, CMS, and FDA; Discussions on preparedness and response and the partnership between clinical laboratories and public health; Laboratory data exchanges during COVID-19; and The clinical laboratory's role in identifying health inequities during the COVID-19 response

#### **Commerce (Full Listing)**

Oct. 28, 11 a.m., None given

The Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) NOVA holds its virtual third annual Small Business Enterprise IT (Information Technology) Days, beginning at 11 a.m., with the theme "Maximizing Small Business Innovation, Technology and Agility," October 27-29. Highlight:

-- 11:05 a.m.: Carlton Shufflebarger, acting IT services director in the General Services Administration (GSA) Office of Information Technology Category; and Lee Tittle, program lead for small business governmentwide acquisition contracts at the GSA Small Business Acquisition Division, deliver keynote remarks

### **EPA Pesticide Regulation (Full Listing)**

*Oct. 28, 11 a.m., None given*

Environmental Protection Agency (F.R. Page 64457) holds a meeting by teleconference of the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee on issues associated with pesticide regulatory development and reform initiatives, October 28-29.

### **Technology Issues (Full Listing)**

*Oct. 28, 11 a.m., None given*

The University of Colorado Boulder's Silicon Flatirons Center and CableLabs hold a virtual discussion, beginning at 11 a.m., on "Legal Code: The Digital Divide in the Time of COVID-19." Highlight:

-- 11:05 a.m.: Giulia McHenry, chief of the FCC Office of Economics and Analytics, delivers keynote remarks

PARTICIPANTS: Edyael del Carmen Casaperalta, project manager of AMERIND Critical Infrastructure; Ernesto Falcon, senior legislative counsel of the Electronic Frontier Foundation; Bret Perkins, senior vice president of external and government affairs at the Comcast Corporation; Gregory Rosston, director of Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research's Public Policy Program; Rob Alderfer, vice president for technology policy at CableLabs; and Amie Stepanovich, executive director of the University of Colorado Boulder's Silicon Flatirons Center

### **Foreign Affairs (Full Listing)**

*Oct. 28, 11:30 a.m., None given*

The Woodrow Wilson Center's (WWC) Global Europe Program holds a webcast, beginning at 11:30 a.m., on "Negotiating Peace: Lessons from the Western



Balkans," focusing on the Dayton Accords that ended the conflict caused by the breakup of Yugoslavia.

**Political Affairs (Full Listing)**

Oct. 28, 11:30 a.m., None given

The Economic Club of Washington, D.C. holds a webinar, beginning at 11:30 a.m., on challenges and questions faced by the U.S. electoral process in 2020.

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TODAY: Senate Floor

The Senate meets in a pro forma session.

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TODAY: House Floor

The House meets in a pro forma session.

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TODAY: News Events

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

7:45 a.m. Oct. 27, None given

The Atlantic Council holds a webinar, beginning at 7:45 a.m., on "the future of the U.S.-ROK alliance in an era of great power competition," as part of the 2020 Atlantic Council-East Asia Foundation Strategic Dialogue. Highlights: -- Rep. Ted Yoho, R-Fla., participates in a discussion on "Charting a New Path for the U.S.-ROK Alliance in a Post-COVID-19 World" - - Former Deputy Assistant Treasury Secretary Robert Dohner; and former Korean Minister for Trade Taeho Bark participate in a discussion on "The U.S.-ROK Economic Partnership in a New Era of Great Power Competition" Contact: Travis Horne at 202-778-4993 [press@atlanticcouncil.org](mailto:press@atlanticcouncil.org) Note: Webinar information is available at <https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/event/2020-atlantic-council-east-asia-foundation-strategic-dialogue/>

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS

8 a.m. Oct. 27, None given

The Woodrow Wilson Center (WWC) Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies holds a webcast, beginning at 8 a.m., on "Japanese-Russian Unbalanced Relations: Expectation and Reality from Abe to Suga." Contact: Ryan McKenna at 202-691-4217 [ryan.mckenna@wilsoncenter.org](mailto:ryan.mckenna@wilsoncenter.org) Note: Information on the webcast is available at <https://www.wilsoncenter.org/event/global-perspectives-japanese-russian-unbalanced-relations-expectation-and-reality-abe-suga>

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BOND RATES

8:30 a.m. Oct. 27, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. New

Treasury Department Daily reports: State and Local Government Bond Rates  
and Treasury Yield Curve data  
Contact: 202-504-3550

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DURABLE GOODS

8:30 a.m. Oct. 27, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. New

Commerce Department's Bureau of the Census Advance Report on Durable Goods  
- Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders for September 2020  
Contact: 202-482-2235

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS

9 a.m. Oct. 27, None given

The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) holds a webcast,  
beginning at 9 a.m., on "Elevating Humanitarian Action in Sudan's  
Democratic Transition."

Contact: Andrew Schwartz at 202-775-3242

Note: Information on the webcast is available at

<https://www.csis.org/events/online-event-elevating-humanitarian-action-sudans-democratic-transition>

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS

9 a.m. Oct. 27, None given

The Johns Hopkins University Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced  
International Studies (SAIS) holds a virtual discussion, beginning at 9  
a.m., on "India and the China Crisis."

Contact: Stacy Anderson at 202-663-5620 sandel100@jhu.edu

Note: Media RSVP requested. Information on the webcast is available at  
[https://saiss.jhu.edu/campus-](https://saiss.jhu.edu/campus-events?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D472672889)

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS

9 a.m. Oct. 27, None given

The George Washington University's (GWU) Center for Asian Studies holds a  
webinar, beginning at 9 a.m., on "Taiwan's New Economic Prospects with the  
U.S. and Beyond."

Contact: Jason Shevrin, or gwmedia@gwu.edu at 202-994-5631  
jshevrin@gwu.edu

Note: Webinar information is available at

<https://calendar.gwu.edu/webinar-roundtable-taiwans-new-economic-prospects-us-beyond>



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ENERGY DEPARTMENT QUANTUM INITIATIVE ISSUES

9 a.m. Oct. 27, None given

Energy Department (F.R. Page 62722) holds a meeting by webcast of the National Quantum Initiative Advisory Committee. Agenda includes: Member introductions; Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) expectations; Summary of NQI program and U.S. coordination history; National strategy for QIS; Agency updates on NQI program; and Strategic imperatives and NQIAC activity

Contact: Karen Talamini at 301-903-4563 NQIAC@science.doe.gov

Note: Webcast information at <https://science.osti.gov/About/NQIAC>

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FDA MEDICAL DEVICE USER FEES

9 a.m. Oct. 27, None given

Health and Human Services Department; Food and Drug Administration (F.R. Page 55462) holds a meeting by teleconference to discuss proposed recommendations for the reauthorization of the Medical Device User Fee Amendments (MDUFA) for FY2023 through FY2027.

Contact: Ellen Olson at 301-796-4322 ellen.olson@fda.hhs.gov;

Note: Registration required by 4 p.m. October 23 for dial-in information at <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/workshops-conferences-medical-devices/2020-medical-device-meetings-and-workshops>

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FDA NEUVASC MEDICAL DEVICE APPROVAL

9 a.m. Oct. 27, None given

Health and Human Services Department; Food and Drug Administration (F.R. Page 57867) holds a meeting by teleconference of the Circulatory System Devices Panel of the Medical Devices Advisory Committee to discuss, make recommendations, and vote on information regarding the premarket approval application for the Neovasc Reducer System sponsored by Neovasc, Inc., for patients suffering from refractory angina pectoris.

Contact: Aden Asefa at 301-796-0400 aden.asefa@fda.hhs.gov;

Note: Dial-in information at <https://www.fda.gov/advisory-committees/medical-devices-advisory-committee/circulatory-system-devices-panel>

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HHS CODING REVISIONS

9 a.m. Oct. 27, None given

Health and Human Services Department; Centers For Medicare & Medicaid Services (F.R. Page 60791) holds a meeting by teleconference on new public requests for revisions to the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Coding for Non-Drug and Non-Biological Items and Services, October 27-28. Agenda includes: Discuss preliminary coding recommendations for new public requests for revisions to the HCPCS Level II code set Durable

Medical Equipment (DME) and Accessories, Orthotics and Prosthetics (O&P),  
Supplies and for non-drug and non-biological items and services  
Contact: Kimberlee Combs at 410-786-6707 Kimberlee.Combs@cms.hhs.gov  
Note: Registration information at  
<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/MedHCPCSGenInfo/HCPCSPublicMeetings>

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#### HHS TICK-BORNE DISEASE RESEARCH

9 a.m. Oct. 27, None given

Health and Human Services Department (F.R. Page 63122) holds a meeting by  
teleconference of the Tick-Borne Disease Working Group. Agenda includes:  
Review chapters and the template for the 2020 report to the HHS Secretary  
and Congress to address ongoing tick-borne disease research, including  
research related to causes, prevention, treatment, surveillance,  
diagnosis, diagnostics, and interventions for individuals with tick-borne  
diseases; Advances made pursuant to such research; Federal activities  
related to tick-borne diseases; and Gaps in tick-borne disease research  
Contact: James Berger at 202-795-7608 tickbornedisease@hhs.gov  
Note: Registration required for dial-in information at  
[https://www.hhs.gov/ash/advisory-](https://www.hhs.gov/ash/advisory-committees/tickbornedisease/meetings/2020-10-27/index.html)  
[committees/tickbornedisease/meetings/2020-10-27/index.html](https://www.hhs.gov/ash/advisory-committees/tickbornedisease/meetings/2020-10-27/index.html)

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#### DEFENSE ISSUES

10 a.m. Oct. 27, None given

The National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) and Texas A&M  
University hold a virtual symposium, beginning at 10 a.m., on "Joint All-  
Domain Command and Control (JADC2) and All Domain Warfare," October 27-28.  
Highlights: -- 10:45 a.m.: Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Charles Brown  
delivers opening keynote address -- 1:15 p.m.: Joint Chief of Staff Vice  
Chairman Gen. John Hyten delivers remarks -- 4:05 p.m.: Air Force Gen.  
Glen VanHerck, commander of NORAD and USNORTHCOM, delivers closing keynote  
address  
Contact: Tiffany Milnor at 703-247-2558 tmilnor@ndia.org  
Note: Information on the webcast is available at  
<https://www.ndia.org/events/2020/10/27/1841>

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#### DEFENSE ISSUES

10 a.m. Oct. 27, None given

The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) and the U.S.  
Naval Institute hold a webcast, beginning at 10 a.m., on "The Movement  
Toward Greater Integration in Naval Warfare," as part of the Maritime  
Security Dialogue series.  
Contact: Andrew Schwartz at 202-775-3242  
Note: Information on the webcast is available at  
[https://www.csis.org/events/online-event-maritime-security-dialogue-](https://www.csis.org/events/online-event-maritime-security-dialogue-movement-toward-greater-integration-naval-warfare)  
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FOREIGN AFFAIRS

10 a.m. Oct. 27, None given

The Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA) holds a webinar, beginning at 10 a.m., on "Two Years into the Ivan Duque Administration."

Contact: 202-797-2171

Note: Simultaneous interpretation into English will be available. Webinar information is available at <https://www.wola.org/events/two-years-into-the-ivan-duque-administration/>

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10 a.m. Oct. 27, None given

The Future of Privacy Forum holds its virtual International Tech and Data Conference, beginning at 10 a.m., with the theme "Privacy and Pandemics: Responsible Uses of Technology and Health Data," October 27-28.

Highlights: -- 10:10 a.m.: Lauren Gardner, associate civil engineering professor and director of the Johns Hopkins University Center for Systems Science and Engineering, delivers keynote remarks -- 12:30 p.m.: Session on "Use of Technology to Track, Trace and Notify to Control the Spread of COVID-19"

Contact: 410-507-7898 [media@fpf.org](mailto:media@fpf.org)

Note: Information on the webcast is available at <https://fpf.org/2020-pandemics-conference/>

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS

10 a.m. Oct. 27, None given

The Middle East Institute (MEI) holds a webinar, beginning at 10 a.m., on "Economic Development and Security: Three Seas Initiative in the Black Sea."

Contact: ext. 202 at 202-785-1141 [events@mei.edu](mailto:events@mei.edu)

Note: Webinar information is available at <https://www.mei.edu/events/economic-development-and-security-three-seas-initiative-black-sea>

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS

10 a.m. Oct. 27, None given

New America holds a webinar, beginning at 10 a.m., on "Teetering on the Edge of Uncontrolled Decoupling," focusing on U.S. and Chinese efforts to reduce interdependence. Highlight: -- Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., delivers keynote address

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