



## **June 28, 2022 State Primary Election**

### **Guide for News Media**

#### **Arapahoe County Elections Facility, 5251 S. Federal Blvd, Littleton, CO 80123**

- This facility is our hub for ballot processing, tabulation and storage. It also features a 24-hour ballot drop-off box out front. There is no in-person voting at this facility for this election.

#### **Voter Service and Polling Centers (VSPCs)**

- Arapahoe County has seven (7) VSPCs open between June 20 – 28. VSPCs are open from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday–Friday and 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Saturday. On Final Election Day June 28, all VSPCs are open from 7 a.m.–7 p.m.
- Locations and dates are listed here: <https://www.arapahoevotes.gov/voter-service-polling-centers>

#### **Public Health Precautions under County Policy**

- To protect the health of election judges, staff, voters, and visitors, Arapahoe County encourages masks and social distancing for all individuals regardless of vaccination status inside any VSPC or the Election Facility.
- Arapahoe County adheres to all local, state and national public health orders, and will post on the website any special requirements or guidelines for entrance to the Election Facility if in effect during the active election period.

#### **Elections Facility Security Protocols**

- We ask all journalists to stay within specially designated observation areas unless escorted by elections staff members.
- No photos or video may be filmed/recorded within the Elections Facility beyond the main lobby without express permission from, and following protocols of, county staff. Certain areas of the facility will require journalists to sign logs upon entry and/or exit.
- Anyone found to be violating any of these rules may be asked to leave the Facility.

#### **Unofficial Election Results Schedule**

- Unofficial election results in Arapahoe County will be posted online shortly after 7 p.m. on June 28 and approximately every 90 minutes: 8:30 p.m., 10 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. at [www.arapahoevotes.gov](http://www.arapahoevotes.gov). Click on the icon titled “Election Night Results.”
- Additional unofficial results will be posted at the same link on Wednesday, June 29 at 12 p.m., 2 p.m., and 4 p.m.
- Unofficial results will be updated once at day online at 4 p.m. (except weekends and July 4 holiday) through the cure period (ends July 7) and will remain unofficial until after the risk limiting audit is complete and the canvass board certifies the election results (scheduled for July 15).

#### **Election Day Media Support**

- If you need any information or assistance, wish to schedule a visit to a VSPC, or would like to arrange an interview with Clerk and Recorder Joan Lopez or Elections Director Peg Perl, please call our Communications Team:
  - Luc Hatlestad, public information officer, 720-635-9560, or Tom Skelley, communications business partner, 303-356-6926 or email [tskelley@arapahoeov.com](mailto:tskelley@arapahoeov.com).

## **Guidelines for Film/Photography**

If filming/photographing the Election Facility or at a VSPC, please keep in mind that news media may NOT:

- Take images that show identifying voter information.
- Review, photograph or film poll books.
- Interview a voter as they are casting their vote on paper or machine.
- Interview election judges or workers.

## **Online Election Information**

Visit [www.arapahoevotes.gov](http://www.arapahoevotes.gov) to find:

- Number of active registered voters and other voter stats.
- Unofficial turnout data, including counts of votes cast by date, by type and by party.
- Unofficial election results starting at 7 p.m. on final Election Day.

## **Guest Wireless at Election Warehouse**

- Network Name: Guests Incoming fax number, if needed: 303-795-5425

## **Arapahoe County Social Media Accounts**

- Facebook:
  - Clerk and Recorder: [Facebook.com/ArapahoeVotes](https://www.facebook.com/ArapahoeVotes)
  - Arapahoe County Government: [Facebook.com/arapahoecounty](https://www.facebook.com/arapahoecounty)
- Twitter:
  - Clerk and Recorder: [@arapahoeclerk](https://twitter.com/arapahoeclerk)
  - Arapahoe County Government: [@arapahoecounty](https://twitter.com/arapahoecounty)

## **Colorado Election Rule 8.17:**

Media Observers may witness all election activities. A county clerk may, in his or her discretion, require a media observer to appoint a pool reporter and a pool photographer to represent all media observers. All media observers are subject to the Guidelines established by the Colorado Press Association in conjunction with the Colorado County Clerks' Association and the Secretary of State as outlined below:

*The Colorado State Association of County Clerks and Recorders, Colorado Broadcasters' Association and Colorado Press Association have collaborated to develop the following guidelines and protocols for use when members of the media observe the counting or recounting of ballots. You are strongly encouraged to follow these guidelines to allow meaningful media access while not disrupting the work of county clerks to count ballots or doing anything to compromise the integrity of the election process.*

- 1. If practical, please contact the county clerk's office prior to coming to observe the counting of ballots. If the county clerk knows you are coming, it will be easier to accommodate your request for a place to observe the count or to interview an election official.*
- 2. At the discretion of the county clerk, a specific viewing area for members of the media and other observers may be available. To the extent practicable, the area will have been designated with sight lines to allow you to observe and take pictures or video of the counting process. If there are insufficient sight lines for you to take the photos or video you need, the county clerk may be able to make arrangements to accommodate your needs.*
- 3. Please observe counting procedures without disrupting the count. Please take pictures or video without the use of supplemental lighting. Do not talk to people participating in counting ballots. There may be workers who ask you not to include their images in your pictures or video. We encourage you to honor those requests if you can reasonably do so.*
- 4. The Secretary of State's Election Rules state that if observers leave the area during a recount, they may not reenter without the consent of the county clerk. If you have occasion to leave the area, you may be denied re-admittance.*
- 5. Please do not use the information you see when observing vote counts to report on partial election results. Please do not report anything that could be used to identify the person who casts a particular ballot.*

*The Colorado State Association of County Clerks and Recorders, Colorado Broadcasters' Association and Colorado Press Association are all committed to working together to ensure the media has access to election counts and recounts, but that access is afforded in manners that do not disrupt the counts and do nothing to compromise the integrity of the process. Your cooperation in following these standards will help us to meet all these goals.*