



COLORADO EMERGENCY RULES
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ADOPTED BY AUTHORITY OF HB20-1359 & EXECUTIVE ORDER D 2020 005
MARCH 16, 2020

By Officers of the Colorado Democratic Party & Chair of the Rules Committee

In order to fulfill our democratic and Democratic responsibilities to nominate candidates to the primary ballot, and elect Delegates to subsequent and essential assemblies and conventions and given that a world pandemic has been declared for Corona Virus COVID-19, and that the Governor of the State of Colorado has Declared a Disaster Emergency Due to the Presence of Corona Virus Disease (D 2020 003), the Colorado Democratic Party deems it necessary in the interest of health, safety and democracy to adopt the following **EMERGENCY RULES**. These rules will expire automatically on December 31, 2020.

PREFACE: The goal of these rules is to give sufficient flexibility to leaders of assemblies and conventions to proceed as normally as possible to give options to help protect the public health and safety of participants, the rights of delegates and candidates, and preserve to the maximum extent possible the necessary work of democracy.

1. **Quorum.** The usual quorum requirement of 40% is waived for 2020 assemblies and conventions. Organizers are encouraged to maximize participation by all delegates either in person, by proxy, or remotely, but if attendance falls below quorum, the convening officer can waive the usual quorum requirements and deem those present (in person, by proxy, or electronically) satisfying quorum requirements and proceed with party business.
2. **Proxies.** Under these emergency rules a person may carry up to five (5) proxies, instead of the usual one in order to increase participation and protect public health and safety. If proxies are directed, it can count as a stand alone vote and does not need to be assigned to count.
 - A. Pursuant Emergency Rules adopted March 16, 2020 by the Colorado Democratic Party a County Assembly may assign proxies to either a person physically present or participating electronically. For multi-counties and state assemblies it will remain either proxies to people physically present or electronic participation, but not both.
3. **Convening Electronic Meetings.**
 - A. The State Party, The County Parties, Congressional District Officers, Senate District, Judicial District and House District officers may:
 1. Offer remote or virtual meeting participation as a wrap-around to existing physical meeting, or –
 2. If an Order is issued by the Governor or the State Party or permission granted by the state party -- entirely replace certain physical assemblies and conventions with an entirely remote or electronic option.
 - B. **All Electronic or remote participation** Plans must include a way to verify the identify of who is participating and record all votes taken.

- C. ***FOR SECURITY REASONS, DO NOT POST YOUR E-MEETING OR CONFERENCE CALL INFORMATION ONLINE.** You may, however, post publicly that you are conducting an e-meeting and to contact a particular individual for more details.
 - D. If you exercise one of these electronic options, the convening district must send a modified call to eligible delegates by email and if there is no email for a delegates, call or text them the login or other details needed to participate.
 - E. The agenda for an e-meeting must include all of the same items as an in person meeting.
4. **Authorizing Remote Voting, Electronic or Mail Ballot Votes.** In order to maximize participation without unduly risking the health of a delegate or the other attendees, The State Party, The County Parties, Congressional District Officers, Senate District, Judicial District and House District officers may allow electronic or remote voting.
- A. This includes, but is not limited to, reliable polling software including, but not limited to Google forms, Survey Monkey, a recorded voice vote or mail ballots.
 - B. Electronic voting systems must be able to identify the person voting and create a record of those votes.
 - C. A mail ballot system of voting, must include clear instructions on how ballots will be distributed and received and end on a date and time certain.
 - D. A hybrid system is also authorized where ballots can be distributed physically or by scan, and signed and returned via scan, in person or via U.S. post service.
5. **Appointing Delegates To Empty Positions.** If after an assembly has convened (and even with adjusted proxy options and expanded e-participation options) a jurisdiction does not have enough people elected for allowed Delegate positions, the county officers may appoint a delegate to an empty position provided that it is in writing and only if that person matches the same candidate preference designated for that position. (See Fair Reflection Rules).
6. **Nominating Candidates. In addition to a live nomination,** A convening jurisdiction may accept an electronic mover and seconder to put a candidate into nomination. That could include email or text or live via webinar or conference call.
7. **Candidate Speeches.** Candidates who are using the assembly process to be nominated to the primary ballot must be given an opportunity at the relevant assembly to make speeches, either via webinar, conference, or pre-recorded You Tube or other video and people urged to listen or watch those before voting.
8. **Assembly Thresholds.** A candidate will still need 30% of those assembly delegates voting in order to get on the ballot.
9. **Candidate Paperwork.** All candidates nominated at an assembly must still complete and file their paperwork within the statutory deadline of four days -- unless the current deadline modified by emergency legislation.

CAVEATS & NOTICE:

*These rules are subject to further change depending on law, DNC direction, federal or state executive orders legal mandates out of the party's control and the science of the virus.