



Dear Democrats,

As we head towards our presidential caucuses next month, I wanted to make sure you saw got the latest updates and guidelines from the Democratic Party of Virginia, Chairwoman Swecker, and Staff.

In light of Governor's orders regarding social gatherings, the State Party is cancelling all in-person caucuses. This decision applies to both Assembled and Unassembled Caucuses. DPVA Staff will be working with each local chair to administer an online unassembled caucus.

DPVA will be releasing a singular Call to Caucus that will apply to every locality in Virginia and supersede any Calls to Caucus that have already been released. Local Committees should direct people to the DPVA Website vademocrats.org/delegateselection for information on the new process.

Within that call, we will have a singular pre-filing form that all individuals interested in being a State Delegate or Alternate will need to fill out in order to be on the ballot. If you have already filed to be a Delegate or Alternate, I'm asking you do so with the proper form. If your filing isn't received by DPVA staff, you will not be considered to be on the ballot. **FILINGS HAVE TO BE RECEIVED BY 5:00PM ON APRIL 9TH TO BE ACCEPTED.**

Additionally, **ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO WISHES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CAUCUS WILL NEED TO PRE-FILE AS WELL.** That means that if you'd like to vote in the caucuses, you need to file with the State Party. This must be done in order to conduct the election virtually and is an important step to ensure that anybody who wants to participate in the caucuses has a chance to do so.

As with most caucuses, if there aren't more candidates than positions to fill, the caucus will be cancelled.

DPVA Staff will be available through the Voter Protection Hotline to assist anyone who has difficulty with the online form. The number for the Hotline Number is 844-4VA-VOTE, or 804-482-8683.

We recognize that this is a challenging time for everyone, and we want to thank you all for your patience and support as we navigate these new waters.

Thank you!