

We can talk about the additional off sites too.

Thanks,

John

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John:

Thanks for doing that. I think under the circumstances everything went well with the video conferencing.

As big an advocate as I am of early voting I wouldn't be upset if the Governor made this a strictly by mail election. The in person voters are at risk but a much greater exposure risk is to our poll workers. Age and ethnicity are showing up as strong correlations regarding deaths from covid 19. Our average poll workers fall into these categories.

I saw an interesting practice today in Wisconsin. Drive up voting. It helps maintain some social distance. People drive up and get a ballot, fill it out and deposit it with little interaction with poll workers. To do this practice in Ga would probably require a waiver from the rule to use BMD machines except for absentee by mail. Probably too many hurdles to practically consider for us. I do think we could consider multiple absentee by mail drop off stations at closed schools and churches that have been used as polling sites in addition to our early voting sites. A registrar would have to be present.

When the dust settles on this primary I do think we need to discuss providing return postage on absentee by mail applications and ballots. It just seems to me to be the right thing to do. The cost would not be that significant. Absentee by mail under "normal elections" has been about 6% of turnout. If paying first class (\$0.55) for applications and a ballot maybe \$0.70 then the cost would be 600,000 registered x 75% turnout x 6% absentee by mail = 27,000 voters x (\$0.55 + \$0.70) = \$33,750. As an upper limit estimate double the original estimate for a big uptick in use and for more applications than ballots. The number is still only \$67,500, not insignificant but frankly a number that is easily within the margin of error of the Election Division operational estimates. Food for thought.

Thanks,

Stephen

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