

## **2020 General Election Guidelines (Oct 29, 2020)**

The 2020 general election promises unprecedented numbers of Mail-In ballots during a time when COVID-19 creates health issues for everyone. In an attempt to efficiently process and count the votes while minimizing the potential impact of COVID-19, The Monroe County Election Board will use the following guidelines when canvassing and tabulating the votes.

**Friday, Oct 30** – Last day to challenge a voter’s right to vote

### **Tuesday, November 3**

- All returned Mail- In ballot outside envelopes will be opened. Secrecy envelopes will be kept with the outside envelope. Secrecy envelopes will not be opened.
- Machine votes from In-Person voting will be tallied following the close of election
- Interim results will be posted on the county web site

### **Wednesday & Thursday, Nov 4 & 5**

- 9:30 am – Public discussion/information session
- 10: 00 -5:00 pm (both days) Mail-In secrecy envelopes will be opened and votes tallied
- When the Mail-In tally from both days is complete, vote counts will be added to the machine counts and Interim results posted on web site.

### **Friday & Monday, Nov 6 & 9**

- Late Mail-In and Provisional ballots will be tallied, added to the machine counts and the Mail-In counts with results posted on the web site

### **Monday, November 16**

- Vote Certified

### **Note to those wishing to observe the voting tabulation process :**

1. On Wednesday and Thursday, due to the volume of mail-in ballots, secrecy ballots will be opened in three different areas of the Monroe County Administration building
2. To maintain social distancing, each political party will be limited to one in-person observer in each of these areas and the designated individual must have the proper poll watcher certificate to be admitted to any of these rooms
3. Cameras that cover each of these areas will be set up in the lunchroom on the first floor of the Administration Building. Observers with the appropriate poll watcher certificate will be permitted in this room to the extent social distancing will allow.