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## Early Voting for the 2020 Primary Runoff Elections Starts on Monday Safety Measures Will be Taken at all Polling Locations

(Houston, TX) – Early voting for the July 14 Primary Runoff Elections begins Monday, June 29, and ends Friday, July 10. A total of 57 polling locations will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day, with the following exceptions:

- Polls will be closed July 3 and 4 to observe the Fourth of July Holiday;
- On Sunday, July 5, polls are open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- On the last day of Early Voting, Friday, July 10, polls will be open for extended hours from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. to accommodate voters who wish to cast their ballots ahead of Election Day, July 14.

"Our office is doing all it can to ensure that polling locations are run safely and efficiently," said **Harris County Clerk Chris Hollins**. "All locations will observe social distancing, provide personal protective equipment for poll workers and all voters who need it, and ensure consistent sanitization of voting machines."

The Harris County Clerk's Office has been working with health officials to understand what can be done to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19, but voters should also take safety measures. <u>Click here for "Safety While Voting" tips and information.</u>

"We encourage registered voters to apply for a ballot by mail if you are eligible. If you want to vote in person, we urge you to vote early at less crowded locations to minimize contact with other voters," added Hollins. "You can also help by downloading your sample ballot at home and making your selections before you arrive at the polls. You can take your sample ballot with you and cut down the time you spend in the voting booth."

Please note that if you voted in the March primary, you can only vote in the same party's runoff. Individual sample ballots for both parties and a list of early voting locations is available at <u>HarrisVotes.com</u>. The deadline to request a ballot by mail for the Primary Runoff Elections is Thursday, July 2 (received, not postmarked).

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Video of County Clerk Chris Hollins on Early Voting