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Board of Elections Announces Voting Location Changes

(Columbus) After consulting various nursing homes and assisted care facilities as well as the Ohio Secretary of State’s office (SOS), the Franklin County Board of Elections will be relocating all 16 voting locations from these senior residential and nursing facilities to other locations. Since Franklin County began preparations for these moves, the SOS has issued a new directive requiring all Ohio county boards of elections to relocate voting locations from residential senior citizen facilities for the upcoming March 17th Primary Election.

The Franklin County BOE began taking steps proactively to relocate polling locations out of senior residential and nursing facilities upon recognizing that such facilities were being advised by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to restrict large groups from their care facilities. “We knew the decision to relocate voting locations was a necessary decision for the wellbeing of the residents of these facilities and taking a proactive approach allows for a more orderly relocation process,” said Director Ed Leonard. The BOE appreciates the patience of voters who might be inconvenienced by these moves, but reminds everyone that the changes are being made in the interest of protecting fellow residents at greater risk for the virus.

Voting location change notifications will be mailed out informing over 21,000 Franklin County voters their voting location has changed for the March 17th Primary Election. Below is a list of the affected locations. Our webpage <http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov> will have the most up to date information on what locations have changed. All voters are encouraged to verify their polling location before each election.

Precinct	Senior Living Location	Address	Alternate Location	Address
COL 60-G	Brookdale Trillium Crossing	3500 Trillium Crossing	Discover Christian Church	2900 Martin Road
UA 1-C	First Community Village	1800 Riverside Drive	First Community Church	1320 Cambridge Boulevard
COL 66-E	Friendship Village of Columbus	5800 Forest Hills Boulevard	Vineyard Church of Columbus	6000 Cooper Road
COL 61-A	Jaycee Village Apartments	5905 Beechcroft Road	Saint Elizabeth Catholic Church	6077 Sharon Woods Boulevard
COL 64-F	Mayfair Village Retirement Center	3011 Hayden Road	Carriage Place Recreation Center	4900 Sawmill Road
COL 84-C	McNaughten Pointe Care Center	1425 Yorkland Road	Oakmont Elementary School	5666 Oakmont Drive
WS 5-A,B	Sugar Grove Square	530 South State Street	Whittier Elementary School	130 East Walnut Street
COL 26-C	Summit’s Trace Healthcare Center	935 North Cassady Avenue	Col. Africentric Early College-Field House	3201 Allegheny Avenue
COL 59-C,F 70-D	The Forum at Knightsbridge	4625 Knightsbridge Boulevard	Winterset Elementary School	4776 Winterset Drive
COL 14-A	Thurber Towers	645 Neil Avenue	Goodale Park Shelterhouse	120 West Goodale Street
WS 3-D	Village at Westerville R C	215 Huber Village Boulevard	Pointview Elementary School	720 Pointview Drive
COL 21-C	Wesley Glen	5155 North High Street	Scarlet City Church	114 Morse Road
COL 70-E	Whetstone Gardens and Care Center	3700 Olentangy River Road	Northwest Christian Church	1340 Fishingier Road
COL 72-F	Worthington Christian Village	165 Highbluffs Boulevard	Lazelle Woods Recreation Center	8140 Sancus Boulevard
COL 66-B	Hampton Woods	2819 E. Dublin Granville Road	North Park Church of Christ	4938 Westerville Road
COL 67-C,I	Cherry Blossom Apartment	5225 Cherry Creek Parkway N	Saint Cecilia Church	434 Norton Road

Voters in these precincts will receive notifications informing them of their new voting location. On Election Day, the board will have signage and staff at each location informing any voters of the new voting location.

Voters still have the option of voting early by mail or in-person at the Board of Elections through March 16th at 1700 Morse Road, Columbus. Applications for an absentee ballot can be obtained through our website, <http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov> or by calling the board office at 614-525-3470.

Another component of the Ohio Secretary of State's directive is that all boards of elections will have curbside drop-off of absentee ballots **only at the board of elections offices** on Election Day until the polls close at 7:30 PM. In Franklin County, a voter or a family member will be able to drop-off a voter's absentee ballot at the board office located at 1700 Morse Road, Columbus.

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