In-State Information Sharing

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Election Overview

• **Primary Election**
  • June 2020
  • Voter outreach
  • Encouraged absentee voting
  • Considered vote by mail – legal issue
  • Reduction of in-person sites
  • Increased communication with Native American communities

• **General Election**
  • November 2020
  • Voter Outreach
  • Voting Convenience Centers / All Mail Precinct
  • Exception: Native American Communities
  • Ballot Tracking – Intelligent Mail Barcode (IMB)
  • Ballot Drop Boxes – SOS Guidance
  • Curing Process /Challenger Procedures – Administrative Rule

• **Pandemic Environment**
  • March 2020
  • Public Health Order
  • Social Distancing Protocols
  • Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
Local Election Official - Preparation

- **Election Administrators**
  - 33 County Clerks & Staff
  - County Technical Teams
  - County Communication Teams

- **Election Preparation**
  - Statewide training prior to each statewide election
    - Quick transition to a virtual training
    - New Mexico Specific Tabletop Exercise
    - Focus trainings offered: County IT/Tabulator Technicians
  - Written Guidance
  - Pre-Covid: Monthly Calls
  - Leading up to Primary/General: Weekly Calls
    - Information Sharing/Training
    - Local Election Administrators
    - Vendors/USPS
    - Applicable Partner – Guest Attendees
      - Advocacy Groups
      - Disability Communities
Vendor Partner - Preparation

- Vendor Partners
  - Tabulator Support
  - Electronic Poll Book
  - Election Supplies/Printer
  - United States Postal Service
    - Emergency Response Team
    - DHS – Emergency Management
- SOS/Vendor: weekly planning meetings
- Participation in weekly county administrator calls
- Participation in election incident response exercise
State & Federal Partner - Preparation

• Federal Partners
  • National Guard
  • FBI
  • DHS/CISA
• State Partners
  • Office of the Secretary of State
  • Elected Officials
  • Tribal Governments
  • State Information Technology
  • Local Emergency Management
• State Law Enforcement
  • NM Attorney General
  • State Police
  • State Capitol Staff & Security
• Election Security Working Group
• Specialized Training Sessions
• Risk Assessment/Updates
• Incident Response Plan
Election Day Communication Plan

- Written Communication / Incident Response Plan
- SOS On-site team
  - Election Team
  - Technical Team
  - Legal Support
  - Communication Director
  - Election Security Support
- Hotline: Phone
  - Voter Specific
  - Local Election Officials & Election Partners
    - Advocacy Groups
    - Election Monitors
- Helpdesk: Email
  - Voter Specific
  - Local Election Administrators & Election Partners
- Conference Call – Updates
- National Situation Room
- NM Situation Rooms
  - HISN/Adobe Connect
    - Security Considerations
  - Election Security/Law Enforcement
  - Election Administrators/Vendor Partners