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DATE | TIME | LOCATION: March 19, 2020 | 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET | Briefing Call

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: With the continuing global spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) during a presidential election year, election officials across the country are attempting to quickly devise and implement plans that account for the needs of vulnerable voters and poll workers.

In tomorrow’s primary elections, polling locations have been changed from senior centers and school campuses on very short notice and last night’s presidential democratic debate was conducted without a live audience.

What changes to election administration are needed and possible in states holding primary elections over the next several weeks? What can be done to prepare for November? Could a federal election be delayed or even cancelled due to public health concerns, and if so, by whom? Does the federal government have any authority to interfere with primaries, which are regulated by the states, on account of national health emergency?

SPEAKERS’ NAMES AND BIOS:

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AGENDA OF CONFERENCE CALL:

- 5 minutes introduction
- 30 minutes speakers’ presentations
- 20 minutes Q&A
- 5 minutes conclusion
MATERIALS FOR CALL:


Scott Wartman and Jessie Balmert, *‘We’re in the fog of war.’ Here’s how Ohio canceled an election and sent the state into confusion*, CINCINNATI INQUIRER (Mar. 17, 2020).


Patrick Marley, *Delaying Wisconsin’s April 7 presidential primary amid coronavirus pandemic would be difficult*, MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL (Mar. 16, 2020).


