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Schoeller Announces Additional Measures to Ensure Voter Safety on Election Day

Shane Schoeller announced today that the County Clerk's office is taking additional precautionary steps to ensure the health and safety of citizens voting in the Presidential Preference Primary, this coming Tuesday, March 10th.

"We just want to make sure that voters feel safe and confident to exercise their right to vote and have a great experience when they go to the polls to cast their ballot in the Presidential Preference Primary," Schoeller said. "Though I certainly think there is no cause for panic, I also want to make sure that folks know our office is taking steps to be proactive in light of recent news coverage about the potential spread of viruses like Influenza, the common cold, and, of course, the coronavirus."

In the past, the Clerk's office has always ensured that there are some supplies at every polling place to clean and sanitize voting machines, styli, and other election day equipment. This year those supplies are being substantially increased, and new supplies provided as well.

Specific steps the County Clerk's office is taking include the following:

1. Providing up to 25x more alcohol antiseptic wipes for each polling location. These can be used to sanitize both hands and equipment;
2. Providing disinfectant wipes to clean voting booth table surfaces
3. Increasing the number of screen wipes available at each location;
4. Providing Nitrile gloves for voter to use while operating the touchscreen voting equipment. This is a new step for 2020;

In addition, the Clerk's office is encouraging voters to bring their own styli and black ballpoint pen to use when signing or voting on any of the touchscreen equipment at the polling location, as well as their own hand sanitizer when they come to vote and consider washing their hands for a minimum of 20 seconds before and after they enter a polling location.

Schoeller has had the privilege of serving the Citizens of Greene County as their Clerk, and Chief Election Official since 2014. He and his wife Mendie, together with their children, are long time residents of Willard.

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