

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND RESOURCES FOR SAFE ELECTIONS ADVOCACY

- **Voting by mail is not, as has been claimed, especially prone to permitting fraud.** All voting methods require security measures, and concerns related to voting by mail are easily addressed. See Wendy R. Weiser and Harold Ekeh. *The False Narrative of Vote-by-Mail Fraud*. Brennan Center for Justice, April 10, 2020. <https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/analysis-opinion/false-narrative-vote-mail-fraud>
- **Voting by mail does not bias outcomes toward one party or the other.** See Gilad Edelman. *The Weird Partisan Math of Vote-by-Mail*. Wired. April 20, 2020. <https://www.wired.com/story/weird-partisan-math-vote-by-mail/>
- **CDC health recommendations regarding elections** during the pandemic stress a wide variety of voting options, longer voting periods, and any other feasible options for reducing the number of voters who congregate indoors in polling locations at the same time. See *Considerations for Election Polling Locations and Voters*. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. June 22, 2020. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/election-polling-locations.html>
- Current research has established that the **airborne transmission route for COVID-19 is highly virulent** and that it survives in the air for a sustained period after being released into the air by an infected person. See Renyi Zhang, Yixin Li, Annie L. Zhang, Yuan Wang, Mario J. Molina. *Identifying airborne transmission as the dominant route for the spread of COVID-19*. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences Jun 2020, 117 (26) 14857-14863; DOI:10.1073/pnas.2009637117
- The CDC reports that hospitals are reporting **increasing numbers of younger persons** admitted for severe COVID-19. See *COVID-19 Laboratory-confirmed hospitalizations*. COVID-Net: A Weekly Summary of U. S. COVID-19 Hospitalization Data. Centers for Disease Control. [https://gis.cdc.gov/grasp/COVIDNet/COVID19\\_5.html](https://gis.cdc.gov/grasp/COVIDNet/COVID19_5.html).
- Many people who do not die of COVID-19 have **permanent damage to multiple organ systems** including lungs, kidneys, brain, liver, and heart. And even “asymptomatic” patients have shown evidence of significant organ damage. See Paul Basilio. *COVID-19: Damage found in multiple organ systems*. MDLinx. April 15, 2020. <https://www.mdlinx.com/article/covid-19-damage-found-in-multiple-organ-systems/7aEtHY8SPWz1Nutsg7nhrf> ;and Pie.n Huang. *We Still Don't Fully Understand the Label 'Asymptomatic.'* Goats and Soda, NPR and South Carolina Public Radio. June 23, 2020. <https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2020/06/23/864536258/we-still-dont-fully-understand-the-label-asymptomatic> ; and Quan-Xin Long and others. *Clinical and immunological assessment of asymptomatic SARS-CoV-2 infections*. Letters, Nature Medicine.