

# DFL Precinct Caucus Covid Response

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# Norms

- **Assume best intentions**
- **Be mindful of language**
- **Direct questions in the Chat to “Zoom Questions”**
- **Be present**
- **Be respectful**

# Agenda

- **Introduction by DFL Chair Ken Martin**
- **Overview of the Caucus Options**
- **Deep Dive into Option 1**
- **Deep Dive into Option 2**
- **Next Steps**

# Goals of the Session

- **Make the new rules passed by the State Executive Committee clear for Party Leaders**
- **Give directions relating to Next Steps for our Organizing Unit Leadership**
- **Make sure folks get answers to their questions so they can confidently move forward**

# DFL Chair Ken Martin

# Overview: Plans Passed By SEC

## Option 1

- Precinct Caucuses to be held pursuant to the Official Call with added rules relating to COVID Safety

## Option 2: Contactless Caucus

- No in-person caucus meeting is held
- Caucus held essentially using the non-attendee form with some other procedures and requirements
- Must be opted into.

**Option 1:  
Status Quo + COVID Safety Measures**

# Option 1 – Status Quo

**Default Option - Caucus held as planned** (according to the Official Call, page 3)

- Individuals may still submit a Precinct Caucus Non-Attendee form.
- Non-Attendee forms must be available for individuals attending in person and can be filled out and submitted at any point until the caucus adjourns.



# Option 1 – Status Quo

## COVID Mandates:

- Well-fitted, properly worn mask, even while speaking
- Socially distance to the extent possible

AND

- Proof of COVID-19 vaccination or negative COVID-19 test.

\*Organizing Units that do not comply with these safety procedures will not be provided liability insurance coverage for their upcoming Organizing Unit convention.

**Option 2:  
Contactless Precinct Caucuses**

# Option 2 – Contactless Caucus

## Procedures:

### Electronic Submission

Completed Non-Attendee Forms and Resolutions Forms may be submitted by email to the Organizing Unit Chair until 9 pm on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

### Non-attendees may:

- Sign and scan/photograph
- Type all information including signature
- Indicate that their email shall constitute their signature on the completed form attached

# Option 2 – Contactless Caucus

## Procedures:

### In person drop off on Caucus Night (February 1, 2022):

- At least one location where folks can drop off non-attendee forms & resolutions
- Must be open from 6:30-9:00pm on Caucus Night
- Unit may use a drop off box only if there is someone to watch it

# Option 2 – Contactless Caucus

## Handling Resolutions

- ALL resolution forms will be submitted to the Organizing Unit's resolutions pre-convention committee.

# Option 2 – Contactless Caucus

Delegate & Alternate Elections

## If NO contest:

All who desire to be elected will be elected.

# Option 2 – Contactless Caucus

## Delegate & Alternate Elections

### If contest exists:

- The Organizing Unit shall hold public Zoom or other virtual meeting between Monday, February 7th, 2022, and Friday, February 11th, 2022.
- Select delegates & alternates by lot on camera/screenshare for all candidates and guests to observe (Equal division must be obtained, to the extent possible).
- Election of convention delegates occurs first. Delegate candidates not chosen to be a delegate shall be included in the pool of alternate candidates.

\*A schedule of the meetings to draw lots shall be made available to all candidates for endorsement on or before February 6, 2022

# Option 2 – Contactless Caucus

## Delegate & Alternate Elections

If the precinct is to elect more than one set of delegates, the same rules shall apply to each set of delegates and alternates.

Organizing Units shall follow the intent of the potential delegate in determining which convention(s) they wish to attend.



# Option 2 – Contactless Caucus

## Precinct Chairs and Vice Chairs

No elections for precinct chairs or precinct vice chairs will be held on February 1, 2022.

The central committee of a newly formed OU following redistricting may treat these positions as vacant OR may organize meetings of the individuals who submitted their Precinct Caucus Non-Attendee forms to elect their precinct chair and up to two vice chairs and to ratify those elections.

# Option 2 – Contactless Caucus

## Pre-Convention Committees

- Each Organizing Unit's executive committee or central committee is empowered to elect or appoint members to its pre-convention committees.
- The Organizing Unit executive committee or central committee is encouraged to ensure diversity geographically and by candidate preference (where relevant) in electing or appointing these members.

# Option 2 – Contactless Caucus

## Record Maintenance

- Submitted forms shall be retained through the adjournment of the State Convention on May 22, 2022.

# Option 2 – Contactless Caucus

Units must opt-in no later than Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, by emailing [partyaffairs@dfi.org](mailto:partyaffairs@dfi.org) the following:

**Subject: Contactless Precinct Caucuses [OU Name]**

**Body:**

- Chair name
- Chair phone/email
- Drop-off locations to be used on February 1, 2022 for each precinct

\*The highest-ranking officer may act in the absence of the Organizing Unit chair. An Organizing Unit may opt-in to Contactless Precinct Caucuses after the January 16, 2022 deadline only with the consent of the State Party Chair no later than Wednesday, January 19, 2022.

# Wrap Up

## Option 1

- **Precinct Caucuses to be held pursuant to the Official Call with added rules relating to COVID Safety**

## Option 2: Contactless Caucus

- **No in-person caucus meeting is held**
- **Caucus held essentially using the Non-Attendee form with some other procedures and requirements**
- **Opt-in by Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup> is required.**

# Next Steps

If you are an Organizing Unit Chair, please email which option you will use to: [partyaffairs@DFL.org](mailto:partyaffairs@DFL.org)

Get planning information for caucuses at: [DFL.org/caucusplanning](https://DFL.org/caucusplanning)

Public information is at: [DFL.Org/caucus](https://DFL.Org/caucus)

# Questions

**We will handle questions sent in the Chat first, followed by requests to speak.**