

Absentee Voting Frequently Asked Questions

Anyone can vote early and safely by absentee ballot in the 2020 Election.

Why Vote Early?

- 1. To avoid the crowds on Election Day, Nov 3.
- 2. To take safety precautions against Covid-19.
- 3. You will not be able to vote on Election Day, Nov 3.

How do I vote Absentee?

Due to the state of emergency declared for the pandemic this year, <u>emergency rules</u> allow anyone concerned for their health to vote absentee.

On the <u>regular absentee ballot application form</u> for your county, mark the box for "I have a physical illness or infirmity which prevents my attendance at the polls.



There are multiple ways to vote by absentee ballot including in-person or by mail

How can I vote absentee ballot by mail?

Step 1: Visit the Secretary of States website (<u>Find the Secretary of</u> <u>State website here</u>)

Step 2: Download an absentee ballot application for your county or go to your Election Manager's office. (<u>Find the location of your</u> <u>Clerk of Courts Here</u>)

Step 3: Complete the Absentee Ballot Application and mail it with a copy of your photo ID

Step 4: You will be provided with an Absentee Ballot by mail, complete the ballot and have it signed by a Notary Public.

Step 5: Return the ballot by mail with a copy of your photo ID OR hand deliver your ballot in person at your Election Manager's office.

PLEASE NOTE Absentee ballots must arrive at your county elections office NO LATER THAN NOON ON NOVEMBER 2. Please plan accordingly and account for mailing time.



How can I vote absentee in person?

Step 1: Visit your Election Manager's office (<u>Find the location of</u> <u>your Clerk of Courts Here</u>)

Step 2: Request an absentee ballot application and fill the application out in person

Step 3: Once you finish your application, turn it in and ask for your absentee ballot.

Step 4: Fill out your absentee ballot OR take your absentee ballot home and have it signed by a Notary Public and then return it to your Election Manager's office or by mail.

PLEASE NOTE Some Clerk of Courts offices plan to set up 'Drive-by Delivery' stations starting October 10. This allows voters to provide their ballots curbside without entering the building.



What box do I check to vote absentee early?

Due to the state of emergency declared for the pandemic this year, <u>emergency rules</u> allow anyone concerned for their health to vote absentee.

If you prefer to no-contact voting by absentee ballot due to the Pandemic, mark the box titled "I have a physical illness or infirmity which prevents my attendance at the polls." On your regular absentee ballot application form. You can also choose other reasons indicating your need to vote absentee.

*Carefully follow instructions on your ballot. YOUR SIGNATURE MUST BE NOTORIZED OR WITNESSED BY 2 PEOPLE. *

Where is my Election Manager's office located?

Visit this link for the address of your Election Manager's office Office: <u>https://www.sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/absentee-ballot-applications</u>



Can I vote in-person before November 3?

Yes. You can vote "absentee in-person" by visiting your county elections office during regular operating hours. You can print your absentee ballot application in advance (access at the Secretary of States website, <u>https://www.sos.alabama.gov/alabama-</u> <u>votes/absentee-ballot-applications</u>) and fill it out to bring with you, or you can complete an application on site. Remember to bring your photo ID.

Still have questions about early voting or absentee voting? CALL +1-334-671-2882