

Absentee Ballot and Mail-in Ballot Information

April 28, 2020

Absentee Ballots are for registered voters who are unable to vote in person at the polling place because they will be out of the municipality for work, or because of an illness or disability.

Mail-in Ballots are for registered voters who are not eligible to apply for an absentee ballot, but who wish to vote by mail instead of in person at the polling place. No excuse or reason is required.

A voter may apply for an absentee ballot or mail-in ballot in the following ways:

- Apply online at <https://www.votespa.com/ApplyAbsentee>.
- Print a PDF application from the county website at www.pottercountypa.net/Departments/Elections/VoterRegistration and mail the completed form to the Potter County Board of Elections, 1 N Main St, Suite 204, Coudersport, PA 16915
- Apply in person at the Board of Elections Office Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
- Contact the Potter County Board of Elections to request an application be mailed to you.

The first day to apply for an absentee ballot or mail-in ballot is Monday, March 9. Applications received before this date will be held until they can be processed. Board of Elections cannot transmit balloting materials until the ballot is finalized, so those who apply early should not expect to receive their balloting materials immediately.

The last day to apply for an absentee ballot or mail-in ballot is Tuesday, April 21. Applications must be received by the Board of Elections before 5:00 pm in order to be processed. Faxed or emailed applications cannot be accepted. **Postmarks do not count.** When submitting an application by mail, allow 3 days for local delivery and 4-5 days for longer distances.

The last day to return a voted absentee ballot or mail-in ballot is Tuesday, April 28. Voted ballots must be received by the Board of Elections before 8:00 pm in order for the ballot to be counted. **Postmarks do not count.** When returning a ballot by mail, allow 3 days for local delivery and 4-5 days for longer distances. Due to the weight and thickness of balloting materials, additional postage may be required.

Votes who experience an emergency after 5:00 pm on Tuesday, April 21 may be eligible to apply for an emergency absentee ballot. Contact the Board of Elections at 814-274-8467.

Active-duty military and their dependents and civilians residing overseas can apply for absentee ballots using different forms and deadlines. Contact the Board of Elections at 814-274-8467.

A voter who applies for an absentee ballot or mail-in ballot is not eligible to vote at a polling place on Election Day, expect by provisional ballot.