

Voting By Absentee Ballot in West Virginia

In West Virginia, certain registered voters may receive and vote an absentee ballot by mail. West Virginians are encouraged to vote in person if you are able. Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, and polls are open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Early voting is open October 21 - October 31 at your county courthouse, judicial annex or designated community voting location during normal business hours and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. However, if you are unable to vote on Election Day or during the early voting period, you may request an absentee ballot through the West Virginia Secretary of State's website or your county clerk's office.

HOW TO APPLY FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT

Apply online through the West Virginia Secretary of State's Absentee Application Portal at www.govotewv.com, print an absentee ballot application, or request an absentee ballot application from your County Clerk. Due to concerns of COVID-19, all voters are eligible to vote absentee in the 2020 General Election. You just need to choose "COVID-19/Other" as the reason for requesting an absentee ballot when filling out the application.

Important Absentee Ballot Deadlines in West Virginia

Tuesday, October 13	Deadline to register to vote in the 2020 General Election. To register online, visit West Virginia's Online Voter Registration Website: https://ovr.sos.wv.gov/Register/Landing For more information on registering to vote, visit www.manchin.senate.gov/vote .
Tuesday, October 27	U.S. Postal Service's recommended latest date to mail your completed absentee ballot back to your county clerk to ensure it arrives in time.
Wednesday, October 28	Deadline to apply for an absentee ballot through the West Virginia Secretary of State's Absentee Application Portal or through your county clerk's office.
Monday, November 2	Last day to hand-deliver your absentee ballot to your county clerk's office.
Tuesday, November 3	Election Day; absentee ballots sent via U.S. Mail must be postmarked by November 3.
Monday, November 9	Canvass of election results begins; absentee ballots postmarked by November 3 must be received before the canvass begins.
Thursday, December 3	Deadline for certified election results to be submitted to the West Virginia Secretary of State.