

Absentee and Early Voting Frequently Asked Questions:



Sandusky County Board of Elections
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When does early voting start?

Early voting begins at 8:00 am on Tuesday, October 6, 2020. Our office will have additional hours during the early voting period:

- Tuesday, October 6, 2020 thru Friday, October 9, 2020 (Tuesday thru Friday 8 am – 5 pm)
- Monday, October 12, 2020 thru Friday, October 16, 2020 (Monday thru Friday 8 am – 5 pm)
- Monday, October 19, 2020 thru Friday, October 23, 2020 (Monday thru Friday 8 am – 6 pm)
- Saturday, October 24, 2020 (8 am – 4 pm)
- Sunday, October 25, 2020 (1 pm – 5 pm)
- Monday, October 26, 2020 thru Friday, October 30, 2020 (Monday thru Friday 8 am – 7 pm)
- Saturday, October 31, 2020 (8 am – 4 pm)
- Sunday, November 1, 2020 (1 pm – 5 pm)
- Monday, November 2, 2020 (8 am – 2 pm)

Do you count absentee ballots?

YES! All absentee ballots that have been received by the deadline ***and*** contain the required information are counted. If your returned absentee ballot identification envelope is lacking vital information, our office will mail you a supplemental form to complete before the early voting deadline is completed. It is the ***voter's responsibility*** to complete the supplemental form and return it in a timely manner to ensure that your ballot gets counted.

What Election is this?

This Election will be a **General Election**.

What is the Election Date?

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Polling locations are open from 6:30 am until 7:30 pm

When is the last day to request an absentee ballot?

You may request your ballot up until **Saturday, October 31, 2020 at noon**. If your absentee application/request is received by the deadline, your ballot will be mailed the same day. If your absentee application/request is received after the deadline, our office will attempt to contact you by phone *if* you have provided a contact number on your absentee application/request.

How do I know what will be on the ballot?

Sample ballots are available. See instructions below:

If you have internet access:

Follow this link: <https://sandusky.oh-vote.org/VoterView/Home.do>

Click on 'Registration Information' at the top of the page

Enter the information requested and click 'Search'

When your record opens, click on 'Sample Ballot'

Your sample ballot may be printed

If you do not have internet access:

You may call our office at 419-334-6180 to request that we mail you a copy of your sample ballot or you can come to our office and obtain a copy to take with you.

Do I need to provide an ID if voting early/in-person?

No, it is not required for early/in-person voting. You must complete an absentee request form in the office prior to receiving a ballot. You will need either the last four digits of your Social Security Number or your Driver's License Number for the absentee request form.

How do I change my party affiliation?

During a Primary Election. Primary Elections are held only when there is more than one candidate seeking a partisan seat (Democrat or Republican). Primary Elections are always held for Presidential Elections and Gubernatorial Elections, and sometimes Municipal Elections. When you ask for a particular ballot style (ie: Democrat or Republican), you will be voting only for candidates in that party. You will also be 'locked in' to the party that you choose until the next Primary Election, at which time you can change. If you choose to be non-affiliated with a political party, you have the option to vote an 'Issues Only' ballot (if there are issues in your precinct for that election). By voting an 'Issues Only' ballot, you will not have any candidates listed on your ballot and will be listed as a Non-Partisan voter.

During a General Election (November), everyone votes for all candidates / parties that are listed on the ballot, as well as any issues to be voted on. Essentially everyone residing in a particular district will be voting the same ballot.

Where do I get the form to request an absentee ballot?

If you have internet access and a printer, you may visit our Home Page

<https://sandusky-county.com/index.php?page=board-of-elections> Click on 'Application for Absent Voters Ballot', print, complete the form and either drop off or mail to our office at:

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If you do not have internet access and a printer, feel free to contact our office at 419-334-6180 and we will mail the application to you. *Please note that we cannot control the length of time for the USPS to deliver your request, so please be sure to call early and allow additional time for mailing/returning your request and ballot materials.*

When does my voted absentee ballot have to be returned? And, how do I return it?

If returning by mail: Your ballot must be postmarked by Monday, November 2, 2020.

It is a good idea to take your envelope into the post office and request a postmark, as mail pieces are sometimes sorted and sent without a postmarked date.

If returning in person: Your voted ballot must be received in our office by 7:30 pm on Election Day. ***There is also a ballot drop box outside of our office for 24 hour convenience.***

Can I return my voted absentee ballot to my polling location on Election Day?

No. Absentee ballots must either be returned by mail (on or before Monday, November 2, 2020) or **in person** to the Board of Elections office by 7:30 pm on Election Day.

Can I vote on Election Day at the Board of Elections office?

No, unfortunately once early voting has ended; voters must go to their regular polling locations on Election Day. *In-person voting ends at 2:00 pm on Monday, November 2, 2020.*

Can I vote in any precinct in the county?

No, you must vote in the precinct in which you reside.

How do I know where my polling location is and what precinct I am in?

If you have internet access:

Please follow this link: <https://sandusky.oh-vote.org/VoterView/Home.do>

Enter the required information and click 'Search'

Your polling place, precinct name, etc. will be listed here

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