Voting by Absentee or Mail-in Ballot

Absentee and mail-in ballot applications for the April 28, 2020, Primary Election must be received by your county election office by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2020.

What are mail ballots?

In Pennsylvania, you now have two options for mail ballots. You may either choose a mail-in ballot or an absentee ballot to request, complete, and return to your county election office.

Absentee ballot – If you plan to be out of the municipality on election day or if you have a disability or illness, you should request this ballot type, which still requires you to list a reason for your ballot.

Mail-in ballot – If you aren’t an absentee voter, you may apply for a mail-in ballot. You may simply request this ballot without a reason.

In order to request either ballot type, you must be registered to vote. Please visit Check Your Registration Status to review your registration information at www.votespa.com
The deadline to register to vote for the Primary Election is April 13, 2020.

Which ballot should I use?

Absentee Ballot
Who may apply for an absentee ballot application?

- College students who are not registered to vote at their school address
- People whose work or vacation take them away from the municipality where they live
- Those with a physical disability or illness that prevents them from going to the polling place
- Members of the military
- People who may have a conflict due to the celebration of a religious holiday
- Inmates who haven't been convicted of a felony

To vote by absentee ballot you must be registered to vote.

Mail-in Ballot
Who may apply for a mail-in ballot application?

- You may apply for a Mail-in Ballot if you do not qualify for an Absentee Ballot.

You must be registered to vote in order to vote by mail-in ballot.