

## Applying for Absentee Ballots

### When is the deadline to request an absentee ballot to be mailed to me?

- The latest an absentee ballot may be [requested online](#) is 11:59:59 pm on Saturday, October 24. If you choose to submit a paper absentee ballot application, it must be received by the Division of Election on Saturday, October 24.

### I live or am currently out-of-state, but I am an Alaskan Resident. Why is Alaska the only option listed as the “state of residence”?

- When applying for an absentee ballot, the voter’s residence address must be in Alaska. Permanent mailing address and the ballot mailing address may be in any state, and the absentee ballot request application will reflect the options.

### How do I check the status of my absentee ballot application?

- Voters may check the status of their absentee ballot applications [online here](#) to ensure it was received by the Division of Elections. You can use this same link when checking to see if your ballot has been received by the Division of Elections.

## Absentee Voting

### I received a ballot by mail, but I would rather drop it off instead of mailing it. Where can I do that?

- This year, the Division of Elections has increased the number of secure absentee ballot dropbox locations. All ballot dropbox locations are listed below (found [here](#)). The Division of Elections plans to notify voters of these dropbox locations on its website and through social media. You may also drop off your ballot at any polling location during Early Voting or on Election Day.

#### **Anchorage**

- Region II Elections Office, 2525 Gambell Street
- City Hall, 632 West 6th Avenue
- Clark Middle School, 150 Bragaw St
- O’Malley’s on the Green, 3651 O’Malley Road
- Begich Middle School, 7440 Creekside Center Drive
- UAA Student Union Building (November 2-3 only)
- Ted Stevens International Airport (November 3 only)

#### **Chugiak/Eagle River**

- Eagle River Alaska Club, 12001 Business Blvd

#### **Fairbanks**

- State of Alaska Fairbanks Regional Office Building, 675 7th Avenue

#### **Juneau**

- Region I Elections Office, 9101 Mendenhall Mall Road

#### **Palmer**

- Mat-Su Borough, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue

#### **Soldotna**

- Kenai Peninsula Borough, 144 N. Binkley Street

#### **Wasilla**

- Mat-Su Elections Office, 1700 E. Bogard Road

### **When and how often will the dropboxes be emptied?**

- The Division of Elections will empty the dropboxes each day through Election Day to ensure they are collected well in advance. Sharply at 8:00 pm on November 3 (Election Day) each dropbox will be promptly emptied and locked to ensure no ballots are submitted after polls officially close.

### **I forgot to mail my absentee ballot with the secrecy sleeve. Will it still be counted?**

- **Yes.** If an absentee ballot is received by mail *without* a secrecy sleeve, they are still counted.

### **Do I need a witness to sign my by-mail absentee ballot (the witness signature is located on the envelope)?**

- **No.** On October 12, 2020, the Alaska Supreme Court ruled Alaskans will not be required to have a witness over the age of 18 to sign their absentee ballots only for the 2020 General Election.
  - Because ballots have already been printed and sent out, the envelope will still reflect this requirement. However, you are not required to have a witness sign it, and your vote will still count.

### **How much postage is required for a by-mail absentee ballot?**

- An absentee ballot requires one First Class stamp (\$0.55).
  - *Please note that a single Forever stamp, regardless of the date of purchase, is sufficient postage.*

### **I made a mistake on my absentee ballot. I am worried it will be tossed out and not counted. Is there any way to fix this?**

- **No.** Voters must carefully follow all voting instructions. There is no opportunity to fix a mistake, such as failure to sign their absentee ballot. State Law does NOT provide for a “cure period” in which voters may be informed of certain deficiencies with their absentee ballots.

### **How will I know if the Division of Elections received my ballot that was dropped off or mailed?**

- Voters may check the status of their mailed-in ballots [online here](#) to ensure it was received by the Division of Elections.

### **I received an absentee ballot by mail, but I changed my mind and I would rather vote in person. What do I do with the ballot?**

- If a voter receives an absentee ballot by mail, but instead decides to vote in person, the voter may simply destroy their existing ballot at home. The Division of Elections has procedures in place to catch any duplicate votes.

More FAQs are found on the Division website [here](#).

## In-Person Polling Locations

### When does early voting begin, and where?

- In-person early voting starts Monday, October 19. Early voting and absentee in-person polling locations, dates, and hours are found [here](#).
  - Anvik is the only location listed with TBD for availability. As of Oct 7, the Division of Elections is currently waiting for confirmation about hours of operation. Voters in Anvik may call the city to make an appointment if the information is not updated before in-person voting begins.

### Where can I vote in-person on Election Day (Tuesday, November 3)?

- Election Day polling places are found [here](#). Polls will be open 7:00am to 8:00pm.
- Voters may determine their polling location the following ways:
  - Use the Voter Information link [here](#).
  - If residing outside of Anchorage, call (888) 383-8683.
  - Within the Municipality of Anchorage, voters may call (907) 269-8683.

## Counting of In-Person and Absentee Ballots

### When will my vote be counted?

- Information about the ballot-counting process and schedule is found [here](#). Using these guidelines set in law:
  - Early votes cast Monday, Oct 19, through Thursday, Oct 29, will be counted on Election Night.
  - Early votes cast Friday, Oct 30, through Monday, Nov 2 will be counted on November 10, along with absentee ballots already received.
  - All absentee ballots – whether they are in-person, electronic, by mail, dropbox, or fax – will be counted November 10.
  - All absentee ballots must be counted no later than 15 days after the general election, which falls on November 18.

## Other Deadlines and Important Dates

- All 2020 elections deadlines are found [here](#). (Please note that many apply to REAA Elections.)