

Vote by Mail Information

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, New York State Board of Elections has recently approved a measure to easily vote by mail for the upcoming primary election, taking place on June 23rd. Primary elections traditionally have low voter turnout, and we can expect an even lower volume this year because of the unprecedented circumstances we face. In this unique election, voting and making your voice heard is more important than ever. With this in mind, there are a few things you should know if you plan to vote by mail for the June 23rd election.

Every New York State registered voter will be receiving an Absentee Ballot **Application** to the address where they are registered, with pre-paid postage. Once the application is filled out, you can send the filled-out form to the address listed on the application. You should check the “temporary illness or physical disability” box in the reason category. You will then receive an Absentee Ballot which can be used to vote-by-mail without physically going to your polling location on Primary Day.

If you don't want to wait for the application to be mailed to you, you can request an absentee ballot a few other ways:

- By mail, fax or email - You can use this link to download an application and return the completed form to your local Board of Elections office: <https://www.elections.ny.gov/NYSBOE/download/voting/AbsenteeBallot-English.pdf>
- By phone - You can speak to a representative at your County Board of Elections office. To find their contact information, visit: <https://www.elections.ny.gov/CountyBoards.html>
- If you live in New York City, you can apply for an absentee ballot online: <https://vote.nyc/page/absentee-voting>

Your completed application for an Absentee Ballot must be postmarked by June 16, 2020. If you prefer, you will also still be able to vote and early vote in-person for the June 23rd election. For more information about your polling site, visit: www.voteearlyny.org

Voting is an incredibly important civic responsibility and the most effective way to participate in your government. Make sure you fill out your Absentee Ballot **Application** as soon as possible!