

Pocket Guide for Voters

**Forsyth County
Board of Elections
November 3, 2020
General Elections**



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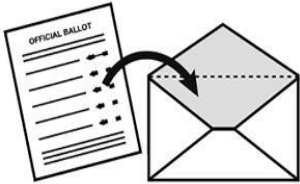


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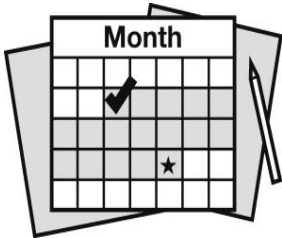
Ways to vote during the COVID19 Pandemic

Absentee By-Mail



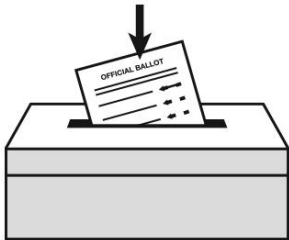
Send in an absentee ballot request **by 5:00 p.m. on October 27th**. Return it by mail or deliver it to the Board of Elections office. Download the form at https://www.forsyth.cc/Elections/absentee_voting.aspx

One-Stop Early Voting



Vote at any one-stop site in the county during the early voting period: **October 15th – 31st**. You can also register to vote at the same time. **For sites and hours go to www.fcvotes.com**. Polling sites will be supplied with hand sanitizers. Polling equipment will be wiped and sanitized throughout each day. Poll workers will follow recommended safety measures. Social distance will be practiced.

At the polls on General Election Day



Polls are open on Election Day, **November 3rd, 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.** Polling precincts will be supplied with hand sanitizers. Polling equipment will be sanitized before and throughout the day. Poll workers will follow recommended safety measures. Social distance will be practiced.

Look up your polling place:

- online at www.fcvotes.com
- or call the Forsyth County Board of Elections at (336)703-2800

What to expect at the polls

When you arrive, precinct officials will be there to help you.

Check in
State your name and verify your residential address.



Get your ballot



Check your ballot
Does it include all contests for your district?



**Go to the voting booth
and mark your ballot**



Place ballot in the tabulator

If you are not on the voter list, you may vote a provisional ballot.

Civilian absentee ballot

Step 1: State Absentee Ballot request form can be obtained online at: https://www.forsyth.cc/Elections/absentee_voting.aspx. The voter, a voter's near relative or legal guardian may request the form by calling 336-703-2800 or in person at the Forsyth County Elections Board office.

Step 2: The State Absentee Ballot must be completed by the registered voter, near relative or legal guardian. **The Forsyth County Board of Elections office must receive the form no later than 5:00 pm on October 27, 2020.** The form may be mailed or delivered in person to the Forsyth County Board of Elections office. Follow the instructions provided on the form.

Step 3: Voting an absentee ballot – The voter will complete and sign the ballot form in the presence of one witness. The voter should mark the ballot according to instructions. The voter or person assisting the voter must seal the ballot in the return envelope and then complete the Absentee Application and Certificate on the back of the ballot container-return envelope. The voter's witness must complete and sign the envelope in the space designated. If someone assists the voter, the assister must sign and date the certificate.

Step 4: Returning the absentee ballot – **The completed ballot must be returned to the Forsyth County Board of Elections office no later than 5:00 pm on November 3, 2020.**

- Mailed ballots post marked on or before November 3, 2020, and received at the Board of Elections office no later than 5:00 pm on the third day following the election date, will be considered *timely*.
- Ballots may also be returned to any one-stop “early voting” site during the “early voting” period. Visit www.fcvotes.com for dates, times and locations of the “early voting” sites or call us at (336) 703-2800.

REQUIRED

2020 STATE ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST FORM

(Read the instructions before completing this form. Items in red are required.)

FRAUDULENTLY OR FALSELY COMPLETING THIS FORM IS A CLASS 1 FELONY UNDER CHAPTER 103 OF THE NC GENERAL STATUTES

1 Voter Information

Last Name First Name Middle Name Suffix Date of Birth
Previous Last Name Previous First Name Previous Middle Name NC DL or ID Num
Current NC Residential Street Address
City State Zip Code County
E-mail Phone

2 Absentee Voting Information

Select the date of the election event for which a by-mail absentee ballot is being requested. You may only select one election event per request form.
Absentee Mailing Address (where you will receive your ballot)
Mailing City
Near Relative or Legal Guardian Request: If you are requesting an absentee ballot on behalf of a near relative or for someone for whom you are the legal guardian, provide your name, relationship to the voter (see instructions), address and contact information.
Near Relative or Legal Guardian's Name Your Relationship to Voter
Near Relative or Legal Guardian's Address City State Zip Code
Voter Assistance: If the voter received assistance completing this form due to blindness, disability, or inability to read or write and no near relative or legal guardian of the voter was available, list the name and address of the person assisting the voter with completing this form.
Voter Assistant's Name
Address City State Zip Code
If voter is a patient in a hospital, clinic, nursing home or rest home, does voter need assistance with voting and returning the ballot? Yes No
If Yes, what is the name and address of the hospital or facility?

Military & Overseas

Are you an absentee military or overseas voter? If so, select the best option below that describes your absentee status:
Member of the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine on active duty or eligible spouse/dependent and currently absent from county of residence
U.S. citizen outside the United States
Provide the address where you are currently stationed or living overseas.
Send your ballot by mail? (provide address)
Send your ballot by email? (provide email address)
Send your ballot by fax? (provide #)

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Voter's Signature Near Relative or Legal Guardian Signature (if applicable)
Date Date
SBOE 2020.04

Accessible voting

All Voting Sites are Handicap Accessible

Who May Assist a Voter?

- Near relatives, including, spouse, parent, child, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, in-law, stepparent, stepchild
- Others, except for those listed below, may assist the voter **ONLY IF** the voter is blind, disabled, or illiterate
- Poll workers may assist any voter



Who May NOT Assist a Voter?

- Voter's employer
- Agent of the voter's employer
- Officer or agent of the voter's union
- Anyone by telephone
- Any elected official or candidate for office unless near relative



Curbside Voting

Curbside voting is available during “early voting” dates and on Election Day. If you are unable to enter the voting place because of age or physical disability, you may vote from your vehicle. Alert a precinct official of your desire to vote in this manner.



Deadlines



October 9th by 5:00 p.m.

Last day to register to vote, or update your address, name, or party.

If you move, your polling place may change. Be sure to update your voter registration address every time you move.

October 27th by 5:00 p.m.

Last day to request an absentee ballot by mail.

October 31st by 3:00 p.m.

Last day to vote early in-person. Find an early voting site at www.fcvotes.com.

November 3rd

Election Day – polls are open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.



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