



## VOTING ABSENTEE IN ALABAMA FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 ELECTION

NOTE: Please pay attention to the difference between applying for a ballot and actually voting your ballot.

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1. You may apply for a ballot at any time, but ballots will not be sent until September 9.
2. The final day to apply for an absentee ballot is October 29. (**IMPORTANT: Apply for and return your ballot MUCH earlier - suggest no later than mid-October - to avoid mail delays.**) You can print out the application for an absentee ballot online at [alabamavotes.gov](http://alabamavotes.gov). or ask for one in person at your county Absentee Election Manager's office. Addresses for each county are at: <https://bit.ly/33Wnejb>
3. You can print the application for an absentee ballot from [alabamavotes.gov](http://alabamavotes.gov), but you MUST use the US Postal Service or a common carrier to return this application OR you must turn it in, in person, to your county Absentee Election Manager.
4. You can print the application from the website, but you cannot submit the application online because in most cases your photo ID must accompany it. No portion of this process can be submitted online!
5. On the application to receive an absentee ballot, you may check the SECOND box (that you cannot vote in person because of an illness) as your reason if you fear contracting COVID-19 if you vote in person. You do not have to be ill at the time.
6. In most cases you MUST enclose a photocopy of your photo ID with your APPLICATION. You do NOT send your ID again when you mail back the ballot. Unless you have signed with an "x" instead of a signature, the application does NOT need a witness, and you can ignore that box.
7. Applying for an absentee ballot gets your name crossed off the rolls at the polls. Once you have applied, you will either need to complete the absentee process or use a provisional ballot if you decide to go to the polls in person on November 3.
8. Your absentee BALLOT (not the application) requires either two witnesses who are age 18 or older (can be family members; don't have to be registered voters) or the seal of a notary public.
9. Remember: in most cases a copy of ID must accompany the APPLICATION; witnesses' signatures (or notary seal) must be with the ACTUAL BALLOT.
10. If mailing, mail your completed ballot (witnessed or notarized) to your county Absentee Election Manager, NOT to county Registrar or Secretary of State. It may require postage of three or more first class stamps. It's best to weigh before mailing. If delivering by hand, you (no one else) must personally deliver to the Absentee Election Manager.
11. Track your absentee application and ballot online at <https://bit.ly/2BOwJ3w> Check if your application was received, if ballot was sent to you, if returned ballot was received, etc..