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## Mail Ballot Information November 5, 2024 General Election

**Absentee Ballots** are for registered voters who are unable to vote in person because they will be out of the municipality for work or school, or because of an illness or disability.

**Mail-in Ballots** are for registered voters who are not eligible to apply for an absentee ballot, but who wish to vote by mail instead of in person. No excuse or reason is required.

### How to Apply for a Mail Ballot

- Apply online at [vote.pa.gov/mailballot](https://vote.pa.gov/mailballot).
- Print a PDF application from the Voter Services website at [www.lyco.org/vote](https://www.lyco.org/vote).
- Apply in person at Voter Services, first floor of Third Street Plaza, 33 West 3rd Street, Williamsport. Business hours are Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 5:00pm.
- Call Voter Services at (570) 327-2267 to request that an application be mailed to you.

**The deadline for Voter Services to receive mail ballot applications is Tuesday, October 29 at 5:00pm.** Applications must be physically received inside the Voter Services office before the deadline in order to be timely received. Postmarks do not count. Emailed or faxed applications cannot be accepted.

**The county will begin mailing ballots 20-25 days before the election, as soon as the ballot is finalized.** When the mailing of ballots commences, ballots will be prepared and mailed every day in large batches until everything is in the mail stream, which takes about two weeks. During that period, different people will receive their ballots each day until the mailings are fully caught up.

**Voters can apply for a mail ballot in person at Voter Services starting 20-25 days before the election, as soon as the ballot is finalized.** Long lines are expected during the period to apply over the counter for mail ballots, particularly first thing in the morning.

**The deadline for Voter Services to receive voted mail ballots is Tuesday, November 5 at 8:00pm.** Voted mail ballots must be physically received inside the Voter Services office before the deadline in order to be timely received. They can be returned by U.S. Mail, or else a voter may hand-deliver their own mail ballot. No one can hand-deliver another person's voted mail ballot, unless the voter has a disability that prevents them from doing so. Disabled voters may download and print a form to designate an authorized agent who can hand-deliver the voted ballot on their behalf. The form is posted on the accessible voting program website at [www.lyco.org/vote/accessibility](https://www.lyco.org/vote/accessibility).