

November 3, 2020 General Election Information per P.L 2020, c 70, 71 & 72

Per the signing P.L. 2020, c. 70, 71, & 72 by Governor Phil Murphy, the 2020 General Election will be conducted primarily via Vote-By-Mail Ballots.

All Active registered voters will automatically be sent VBM Ballots, beginning the week of September 21st through October 5th. Following the initial mailing, anyone that newly registers will be sent a ballot soon after registration. All ballots will contain an instruction insert that describes how to vote the ballot (with pictures), how to return the ballot, drop box locations, and other pertinent information. If a voter needs a replacement ballot, for any reason, the voter can request a replacement ballot by visiting www.camdencounty.com/vbm2

No Sample Ballots will be sent – a postcard will be sent instead with your Polling Place listed, the web address to find your sample ballot, drop boxes locations, etc.

There will be at least one Polling Place (Open 6:00am to 8:00pm) per Municipality and a minimum of 50% of its Polling Places (details to be determined by the Camden County Board of Elections BOE) where voters can only vote by Provisional (paper) Ballots. There will be a voting machine for the use only by disabled voters who are unable to vote a paper ballot.

While a person can still only be a bearer of 3 ballots, that restriction is raised to 5 ballots if those ballots of immediate relatives residing in the same household.

If a voter submits a VBM or Provisional ballot and the BOE determines that it is to be rejected for a signature issue on the certificate envelope, the BOE must notify the voter. The voter is then given the ability to cure the signature and the ballot counted. All cures must be complete 48 hours prior to final certification.

Returning of the Voted VBM Ballots:

- By Mail - ALL POSTAGE IS PAID (in Camden County postage is always paid). Mail at least a week before the election.
- By Drop-Box - There will be at least 13 Ballot Drop Boxes in Camden County (locations per the BOE). All Drop Boxes are available 24/7, are in well-lit locations, and are under video surveillance.
- In-Person to BOE in Blackwood – During normal business hours.
- In-Person at Polls - A voter may return only the VBM ballot that they personally voted to their designated Polling Place on Election Day, sign the Poll Book and place the ballot in a secure ballot box.

Deadlines:

Deadline to REGISTER TO VOTE for the 2020 General Election – Oct 13th.

Deadline to REQUEST DUPLICATE BALLOT BY MAIL for a General Election Vote By Mail ballot – Oct 23rd so that a ballot can be mailed to a voter

Deadline to REQUEST DUPLICATE BALLOT IN-PERSON for a General Election Vote By Mail Ballot – Nov 3rd by 8pm -- walk in to County Clerk's Office in Blackwood by 8pm on Nov 3rd to apply on the spot, get a ballot and turn it in to the BOE – all under one roof at the Election & Archives Center in Blackwood.

Deadline to mail or drop off your VBM ballot to be counted is Nov 3rd by 8pm at the BOE, polling place or place in a drop box. The BOE will consider ballots received after Election Day valid if (a) received from the USPS by 8pm Nov 10th with a postmark on or before Nov 3rd or (b) received from the USPS by 8pm Nov 5th without a postmark.

Election Vote Tallying and Results:

- VBM Ballots will be counted first, starting up to 10 days prior to Election Day*, and will continue daily through the Nov 10th deadline.
- In-person ADA machines will be tallied after close of polls.
- Provisional Ballots require verification after all VBM Ballots have been received, hence all in-person votes will be counted LAST.

* While the BOE may begin counting VBM ballots prior to Election Day, it is a crime of the third degree for anyone to release results prior to the close of polls.