



**Executive Order #177**  
**Vote By Mail General Election**  
**November 3, 2020**



**FAQ**

**1. Who is getting a Vote by Mail Ballot?**

Under Governor Murphy's Executive Order #177, the County Clerk will automatically mail all active registered voters a Mail-in Ballot.

**2. Will I continue to get Vote by Mail ballots for future elections after this General Election?**

Only voters who have previously requested to receive all ballots by mail will continue to receive ballots. If you were not a Vote by Mail voter in the past, you will not be one in the future unless you send in an application requesting to be one AFTER the election is over.

**3. Will I be able to go to my polling place and vote on a machine?**

The Warren County Board of Elections may reassign your polling place as only one is required for each Municipality. You will receive notification of where your polling place will be. However **there will be NO voting machines at the polls. Voters will be voting by paper Provisional Ballots (essentially identical to the ballot you received in the mail only with extra paperwork to fill out – i.e. affirmation statement, and provisional ballots are the LAST ballots to be counted – no earlier than 8 days AFTER the election).** Voters with disabilities that sign a certification will be provided with an ADA accessible ballot.

**4. When will ballots be mailed out?**

Ballots must be mailed out by October 5th.

**5. What do I do if I lose my Vote By Mail ballot or did not receive a ballot?**

If you lose your ballot or did not receive your ballot, please contact the County Clerk's office at 908-475-6211 and we will assist you with obtaining a duplicate.

**6. The deadline to walk in to the County Clerk's office in person for a ballot was 3pm on the Monday before the election, has that changed?**

Yes. You may walk in to my office up until 8pm the night of the General Election and request a ballot. However, as it takes a bit of time to process your request and vote the ballot please don't wait until the last minute!

**7. How do I return my Vote By Mail ballot?**

Your ballot will include a postage paid envelope. You can mail it through the US Postal Service, deposit it in one of the 10 locked drop boxes located throughout the county ( 5 are already in place at the municipal offices of Blairstown, Hackettstown, Washington Township, Belvidere and Lopatcong. The other 5 locations will be announced as soon as they are established), you can deliver it to the County Clerk's office or the Board of Elections office or you can bring it with you to your polling location on Election Day and hand it to a poll worker. Please note: If you are using the USPS, the ballot MUST be postmarked on or before November 3, 2020 and be received by the Board of Elections on or before 8pm November 10, 2020 in order to be considered valid and to be canvassed.

**8. Do all Vote By Mail ballots get counted?**

All ballots that are properly cast are canvassed and counted. Common errors that cause a ballot to be rejected are neglecting to sign the certificate, signing differently than we have in the Statewide Voter Registration System and tampering with the Certificate of Election (**DO NOT detach the Certificate and attempt to tape it back on – PLEASE call us to request a new certificate**). Should your ballot be rejected due to a signature issue, the Board of Elections will mail you a letter giving you the opportunity to “Cure” the error. You MUST return that letter prior to the deadline stated in the letter in order for your ballot to be counted. If you fail to return the letter your ballot will be rejected and you will receive a letter after the election stating that fact.

**9. Will I be getting a sample ballot?**

No. Sample ballots will not be mailed for the November 3, 2020 General Election. They will be available to view on our website [www.warrencountyvotes.com](http://www.warrencountyvotes.com) and will also be at the polling places.

**10. When will we know the results of the Election?**

We hope to have the first UNOFFICIAL results available by 8:30pm on Election Day (Due to the investigation of Provisional ballots, the mandate that ballots properly postmarked be received up to 7 days after Election Day and any other issues that may arise, the OFFICIAL results will not be available until the 23rd of November. Efforts will be made to provide results as quickly as possible, however we will not sacrifice accuracy for speed!!

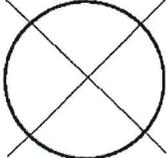
The deadline to register to vote is Tuesday, October 13th, 2020. Registrations must be mailed and postmarked by October 13th, 2020, delivered to your municipal clerk or delivered to the Warren County Board of Elections by 9pm October 13th.

If you wish to vote in the upcoming 2020 General Election, we **STRONGLY** suggest you use your Vote By Mail ballot and avoid your polling location. If you do go to your polling place on election day you will be given a Provisional ballot which is essentially the SAME ballot we sent to you in the mail except it requires the additional step of filling out and signing an Affirmation Statement. This takes a fair amount of time and would be best if it can be avoided. **Provisional ballots are also the LAST BALLOTS TO BE COUNTED** as they are a safe-guard against duplicate voting. This means that we will not count one provisional ballot until **at least 8 DAYS AFTER the election!!** If you bring the ballot we mailed to you to your polling location on Election Day we will begin the process of counting it that evening.

During these difficult times, all of us at the County Clerk’s office and the Board of Elections office are doing our best to ensure you have the ability to safely vote and that you have confidence in the process. There is a lot of misinformation floating around out there. To that end if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us. Our website is [www.warrencountyvotes.com](http://www.warrencountyvotes.com). We also have a Warren County Clerk facebook page. Our phone number is 908-475-6211 (Clerk) or 908-475-6313 (Board of Elections). You can also email us at [hmackey@co.warren.nj.us](mailto:hmackey@co.warren.nj.us) (Clerk) or [wduffy@co.warren.nj.us](mailto:wduffy@co.warren.nj.us) (Board of Elections). Please call us to get your information direct from the source. Please do not rely on your cousin’s girlfriend’s mother on facebook!!

Holly Mackey,  
Warren County Clerk

**CORRECT WAY TO MARK YOUR BALLOT**  
**USE ONLY PENCIL, INK PEN (BLACK OR BLUE)**

EXAMPLES	CORRECT	INCORRECT
		
		
		
		

<b>drop box location name</b>	<b>street address</b>	<b>city</b>	<b>zip code</b>
<i>Allamuchy Municipal Building</i>	<i>292 Alphano Rd</i>	<i>Allamuchy</i>	<i>07820</i>
<i>Belvidere Municipal Building</i>	<i>691 Water St</i>	<i>Belvidere</i>	<i>07823</i>
<i>Blairstown Municipal Building</i>	<i>106 Route 94</i>	<i>Blairstown</i>	<i>07825</i>
<i>Franklin Municipal Building</i>	<i>2093 Route 57</i>	<i>Broadway</i>	<i>08808</i>
<i>Hackettstown Municipal Building</i>	<i>215 Stiger St</i>	<i>Hackettstown</i>	<i>07840</i>
<i>Hope Municipal Building</i>	<i>407 Hope -Great Meadows Rd</i>	<i>Hope</i>	<i>07844</i>
<i>Knowlton Municipal Building</i>	<i>628 Zroute 94</i>	<i>Columbia</i>	<i>07832</i>
<i>Lopatcong Municipal Building</i>	<i>232 S Third St</i>	<i>Phillipsburg</i>	<i>08865</i>
<i>Mansfield Municipal Building</i>	<i>100 Port Murray Rd</i>	<i>Port Murray</i>	<i>07865</i>
<i>Phillipsburg Armory Building</i>	<i>441 Heckman St</i>	<i>Phillipsburg</i>	<i>08865</i>
<i>Washington Twsp Administrative</i>	<i>211 State Route 31 N</i>	<i>Washington</i>	<i>07882</i>



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### **What is a Provisional Ballot??**

In every election paper Provisional Ballots are supplied to the Poll workers. They are commonly used for things such as a voter appearing in person but does not show up in the poll books (for a whole host of reasons) and for people who were issued a Vote by Mail Ballot. They are given the paper Provisional Ballot and the affirmation statement that they fill out. After the election each Provisional Ballot Cast is investigated by the Board of Elections and if the voter's registration is deemed valid, or the voter did not return a ballot in the mail (thus casting a vote twice) the Provisional Ballot is accepted.

For the November 3, 2020 General Election Governor Murphy's Executive Order #177 (EO) has stipulated that voters who go to the polls on Election Day will be given a Paper Provisional Ballot – See Page 10, Section 8 of the EO. There will be no voting on machines at the polling places. Voters with disabilities that prevent them from voting on a paper Provisional Ballot will have the opportunity to vote an ADA accessible ballot.

Facts about Paper Provisional Ballots in Warren County (I specify Warren County because each County is responsible for their own ballot design):

- The paper Provisional Ballot looks exactly like the ballot we sent to you in the mail except "Provisional Ballot" or "Mail-In Ballot" appears in the upper right hand corner. Other than that they are identical.
- Paper Provisional Ballots require the voter to fill out a form (affirmation Statement) to go along with the ballot. This form is what is used to investigate the eligibility of the voter.
- Provisional Ballots are the last ballots counted in every election. This is because of the Vote By Mail program. The Election Board must wait until after the deadline to receive Mail-In Ballots has passed before they can conclude their investigation. This is to prevent a dishonest person from dropping their ballot off at a post office and then heading to the polls to vote a Provisional Ballot (voting twice). Once the deadline is closed, and if the voter did not return a ballot via mail, their Provisional Ballot is accepted.
- For the November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 General Election the deadline to receive ballots in the mail is November 10<sup>th</sup>, so no Provisional Ballots will be counted before November 11<sup>th</sup> at the earliest.
- All Provisional ballots that have been investigated and deemed eligible get counted.

The EO allows voters to return their Mail-In Ballots to their polling place on Election Day (this is new this election) and hand them to a Poll Worker. These ballots are counted starting the day after the election, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

<b>Municipality &amp; District</b>	<b>Polling Location</b>	<b>Address</b>
Allamuchy Districts 1 & 2	Allamuchy Fire Hall	284 Alphano Road, Allamuchy
Allamuchy Districts 3 & 4	Allamuchy Municipal Bldg.	292 Alphano Road, Allamuchy
Alpha Districts 1 & 2	Alpha Firehouse	1109 Lee Avenue, Alpha
Belvidere Districts 1, 2 & 3	Goodwill Fire Co./Belvidere Manor	689 Water Street, Belvidere
Blairstown Districts 1, 2 & 5	Blairstown Municipal Building	106 Route 94, Blairstown
Blairstown Districts 3 & 4	North Warren Regional High School Multipurpose Room	10 Noe Rd., Blairstown
Franklin Districts 1, 2 & 3	Franklin Community Center	2093 Rt. 57, Broadway
Frelinghuysen Districts 1 & 2	Frelinghuysen Elementary School Gymnasium	780 Route 94, Johnsonburg
Greenwich Districts 1, 2, 3 & 4	Greenwich Elementary School Gymnasium	101 Wyndham Farm Blvd., Stewartsville
Hackettstown Districts 1, 2, 3 & 7	Hackettstown High School Gymnasium	701 Warren St., Hackettstown
Hackettstown Districts 4, 5 & 6	Miller St. Firehouse	201 Miller St., Hackettstown
Hardwick District 1	Hardwick Municipal Building	40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick
Harmony Districts 1 & 2	Harmony Township Vol. Fire Dept.	440 Brainards Road, Harmony
Hope Districts 1 & 2	Hope Municipal Building	407 Great Meadows Road, Hope
Independence Districts 1, 2, 3 & 4	Independence Fire Department	24 Cementary Rd, Great Meadows
Knowlton Districts 1 & 2	Brook Hollow Winery Catering Hall	628 Rt. 94, Columbia
Liberty Districts 1 & 2	Mountain Lake Firehouse	99 Tamarack Rd, Liberty
Lopatcong - All 7 Districts	Lopatcong Middle School Cafeteria	321 Stonehenge Dr., Lopatcong
Mansfield - All 6 Districts	Mansfield Twp. Elementary School Gymnasium	50 Port Murray Rd, Port Murray
Oxford Districts 1 & 2	Oxford Municipal Bldg. - Lower Level	11 Green St., Oxford
Phillipsburg Districts 1-1, 3-1 & 6-1	Phillipsburg Middle School Gymnasium	200 Hillcrest Blvd, Phillipsburg
Phillipsburg Districts 2-1, 5-1, 5-2, & 6-2	Phillipsburg Elementary School All Purpose Room	525 Warren St., Phillipsburg
Phillipsburg Districts 4-1, 7-1, 7-2, & 7-3	Early Childhood Learning Center	459 Center St., Phillipsburg
Pohatcong Districts 1, 2, 3 & 4	Pohatcong Elementary School Gymnasium	240 CR. 519, Pohatcong
Washington Borough Districts 1 & 3	Washington Boro Fire Hall - 2nd Floor	100 Belvidere Ave, Washington
Washington Borough Districts 2 & 4	St. Joseph's Parish Hall	200 Carlton Ave, Washington
Washington Township - All 6 Districts	Warren Hills Regional High School Cafeteria	41 Jackson Valley Rd, Washington
White Township - All 6 Districts	White Township School Gymnasium	565 County Road 519, White