

## 2020 GENERAL ELECTION – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- ⇒ Governor Murphy signed [Executive Order #177](#) making New Jersey's November 3<sup>rd</sup> Presidential Election a primarily vote by mail election.
- ⇒ The County Clerk will automatically mail a vote by mail ballot to ALL ACTIVE REGISTERED VOTERS no later than October 5, 2020.

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### WHEN SHOULD I EXPECT MY MAIL IN BALLOT

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Ballots will be mailed to you no later than October 5, 2020. If you do not receive your ballot within seven (7) business days of your posted mailing date, contact the Somerset County Clerk's office at (908) 231-7006.

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### HOW DO I RETURN MY BALLOT?

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There are four (4) ways you may return your ballot:

1. To the Somerset County Board of Elections - 20 Grove Street Somerville, NJ 08876
  - If someone other than the voter is delivering the ballot, make sure that the Bearer Section on the left-front side of the return envelope is completed.
2. You may deposit your Ballot in any of the thirteen (13) secure drop-boxes located throughout the County. Current law allows a voter to return their ballot and an additional three (3) ballots.

#### SOMERSET COUNTY DROP-BOX LOCATIONS:

Bedminster: Municipal Building, 1 Miller Lane  
Bernards: Municipal Building, 1 Collyer Lane  
Bernardsville: Borough Hall, 166 Mine Brook Road  
Bound Brook: Borough Hall, 230 Hamilton St.  
Branchburg: Municipal Building, 1077 Route 202  
**Bridgewater: Municipal Building, 100 Commons Way**  
Franklin: Municipal Building, 475 Demott Lane  
Hillsborough: Municipal Building, 379 South Branch Road  
Manville: Municipal Building, 325 N. Main St.  
Montgomery: Municipal Building, 2261 Route 206  
North Plainfield: Community Center, 614 Greenbrook Road  
Somerville: Somerset County Administration Building, 20 Grove St.  
Warren: Municipal Building, 46 Mountain Blvd

- The Bridgewater Ballot drop-box is operational as of Friday, September 25, 2020.
  - The drop-boxes will be available for ballot drop off until 8pm on Election Day, November 3, 2020.
  - All drop-boxes are monitored by surveillance. Ballots will be picked up daily by Somerset County Board of Elections staff.
3. You may mail your ballot through the US Postal Service. No postage is necessary as your ballot will include a return postage paid envelope. No person shall serve as an authorized bearer for more than three (3) qualified voters in an election. Your ballot must be post marked on or before November 3<sup>rd</sup> and received by the Board of Elections by November 10<sup>th</sup> to be considered valid and to be canvassed.
  4. You may take your ballot to your polling location on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. **YOU MAY NOT** take anyone's ballot but your own to your polling location on Election Day. A voter delivering their own ballot will be required to sign a certificate that the ballot being delivered is their own. Poll hours are from 6am to 8pm

BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP VOTING DISTRICTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

BRADLEY GARDENS FIREHOUSE  
 24 Old York Road  
 Districts 1, 2, 16, 31 **(Districts 5, 33, 34, 35 -4H Center)**

BRIDGEWATER MUNICIPAL MEETING RM 102A&B  
 Districts 4, 11 **(13, 22, 28, 29- Hillside) (25, 26- Eisenhower)**

BRIDGEWATER SENIOR CENTER  
 455 Somerville Road  
 Districts 7, 18, 21, 32 **(19, 30, 36 UM Church)**

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH CENTER  
 1890 Washington Valley Road,  
 Districts 10, 12, 20, 23, 24 **(6, 17- Hamilton)**

FINDERNE RESCUE SQUAD  
 476 Union Ave  
 Districts 9, 15 **(3, 14, 27- Adamsville) (8- People Care)**

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WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I LOSE MY BALLOT, IT IS DESTROYED, I MISMARKED OR I DO NOT BELIEVE I RECEIVED IT?

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You have until 8pm on Election Day to Contact the County Clerk's Office for a duplicate ballot.

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## HOW CAN I TELL IF MY BALLOT HAS BEEN RECEIVED?

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You can register with the NJ Secretary of State's Voter Public Access for access to your voter information and history. Sign up [here](#). Your voter ID number can be found on your ballot label or by calling the Board of Elections at (908) 231-7084 or the County Clerk at (908) 231-7006.

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## WHAT IS THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE?

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The deadline is October 13, 2020. If sending in your Registration by mail, it must be postmarked by October 13, 2020. You may also deliver to the Municipal Clerk or the Somerset County Board of Elections by 9pm on October 13, 2020.

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## WILL I BE RECEIVING A SAMPLE BALLOT?

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No. You will only receive a Vote by Mail ballot which you will use to cast your vote.

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## CAN I VOTE AT THE POLLS?

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You may vote only by paper Provisional Ballots at the polls. Voting by Provisional Ballot is like voting via vote by mail (VBM). Residents are urged to vote using vote by mail (VBM) as Provisional Ballots are counted last and must be checked against the VBM Ballots that have already been cast before they are accepted and canvassed.

**Voters with disabilities that prevent them from voting on a paper provisional ballot will have the opportunity to vote an ADA accessible ballot.**

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## WHAT IS A PROVISIONAL BALLOT?

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In every election, paper Provisional Ballots are supplied to the Poll workers. They are commonly used for situations such as a voter appearing in person but does not show up in the poll books. Such voters are given the paper Provisional Ballot and an 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.

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DO ALL VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS GET COUNTED?

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Ballots that are properly cast are canvassed and counted

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WHAT WOULD CAUSE MY VOTE TO BE REJECTED?

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1. Neglecting to sign the certification
2. Tampering with the Certificate of Election. If your certificate is detached or damaged, request a new certificate from the County Clerk

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WILL I BE NOTIFIED IF MY BALLOT IS REJECTED?

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YES. The Board of Elections will notify you following the Election with the reason why your ballot was not counted.

**IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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**~answers to questions subject to change pending new information~**