

Voting by Absentee Ballot: Vote-by-Mail in Knox County, Tennessee

STEP 1. Determine whether you qualify for by-mail voting.

Pursuant to the June 4, 2020 Order of the Davidson County Chancery Court, **ALL TN VOTERS can vote by mail for this reason:** "...I have determined it is impossible or unreasonable to vote in-person due to the COVID-19 situation." **EVERYONE AGE 60 OR OLDER QUALIFIES to vote by mail, even if the ruling is overturned on appeal.**

- For more detailed information see <https://sos.tn.gov/products/elections/absentee-voting#7>
- **If recently registered to vote in your county, you MUST vote in person the first time--unless you show a photo ID to staff at your County Election Commission Office prior to voting. Or, your doctor completes and files a "Physician's Statement."**

STEP 2. Download posted application for absentee ballot: <https://www.knoxcounty.org/election/>

You must submit a request prior to each election unless you have a "Physician's Statement" on file.

No printer? Call your Election Commission and request a form be mailed to you: **865-215-2480**

OR submit all required information in writing: <https://sos.tn.gov/products/elections/absentee-voting>

STEP 3. Submit your request during the legal time period (90 to 7 days prior to Election Day*).

You can submit in one of three ways with a handwritten signature:

MAIL:

Knox County Election Commission Office
Old Court House, 300 Main St., Suite 218
Knoxville, TN 37902

EMAIL:

tammy.cole@knoxcounty.org

FAX:

865-215-4239

Note: Once your request for a by-mail ballot is approved, you can only vote a provisional ballot in person, which will be checked to ensure the County did not receive a mail-in ballot from you.

Track the status of your mail-in ballot at the Secretary of State's voter lookup page: bit.ly/3dnypmh

STEP 4. Vote with your mail-in ballot. After you receive your ballot in the mail, be sure to:

- Carefully follow the instructions sent with your ballot.
- Mail the ballot in the required/signed envelope with adequate postage.
- **Make certain your ballot will arrive no later than close of polls on Election Day.**

IMPORTANT: ELECTION OFFICIALS CANNOT ACCEPT A HAND-DELIVERED BALLOT.

To ensure success, remember to:

- *Submit your request for a by-mail ballot EARLY during the allowed time period. The Election Commission will contact you if there is a problem with your request.*
- *Sign your request application. Your signature must be handwritten; it cannot be typed. This means that your ballot request must be scanned if you are submitting it by email or fax.*
- *Include a complete address where you live—and, if different, a second complete address to mail ballot to.*
- *If the election includes a primary, indicate whether you want a Democratic or Republican ballot. You may request a "Knox County General Only" ballot.*
- *Provide first class postage.*

***Aug. 6 Primary/General Election: May 8 - July 30; Nov. 3 Presidential/General Election: August 5 – October 27**

Questions or Assistance? Call the Knox County Election Commission at 865-215-2480

Contact the League of Women Voters Knoxville/Knox County at 865-408-8468 or lwwkcc92@gmail.com

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