Voting Safely and Securely in the November 2020 Election
Richland and Lexington Counties

All South Carolina registered voters are eligible to vote absentee in the November 3, 2020, election. Registered voters have <u>three</u> ways to vote.

1. Early In-Person Absentee Voting

Beginning October 5, you can complete an application for voting absentee and cast your vote in one stop at 2020 Hampton Street in Columbia (Richland County residents) or at 605 W. Main Street in Lexington (Lexington County residents). You also have the choice of voting at one of several satellite locations. Be sure to bring a photo ID and wear a mask.

2. Absentee Voting by Mail

This is a four-step process. To ensure your ballot is received by the deadline, <u>begin today</u>!

Step 1 Download and print an absentee ballot application online at scvotes.gov. Or, you can call Richland County (803-576-2240) or Lexington County (803-785-8361) to request an application. The application will be mailed to you.

Step 2 Complete and sign the application and mail it to your county voter registration & elections office as soon as possible. You may also hand-deliver it to 2020 Hampton Street in Columbia or 605 W. Main Street in Lexington or to one of the satellite locations. Applications for absentee ballots must be received before October 24 if submitted by mail or by October 30 if delivered by an authorized representative* of the voter.

Step 3 Absentee ballots will be mailed approximately 30 days before the election.

Step 4 When you receive your ballot, complete it, and sign the voter's oath on the second envelope. To make sure your ballot is counted get a witness signature. Return your ballot as soon as possible to your county voter registration & elections office by mail or in person. In Richland County mail-in ballots can also be delivered in person to one of the satellite locations through November 2. Absentee ballots must be received at the county voter registration & elections office by 7:00 p.m. on November 3. Do not take your absentee ballot to your precinct.

<u>You can check the status of your absentee ballot application or your ballot at scvotes.gov. Click on "Check Absentee Ballot."</u>

3. Voting at Your Precinct on November 3

Visit VOTE411.org or scvotes.gov to find your polling location. Be sure to bring a photo ID and wear a mask. If you can, avoid busy times before and after work and during lunch hours.

*Authorized Representative/Authorized Returnee
A voter who is unable to go to the polls because of illness or disability can authorize another registered voter to request an application for an absentee ballot, return the application, and/or return the voter's absentee by mail ballot. Visit scvotes.gov or call your county voter registration & elections office for more information.

Voters with Disabilities
Any voter who is unable to enter a polling location or stand in line because of age or a physical handicap can vote in their car in the closest available parking space.

For More Information
- Visit scvotes.gov.
- Call your county voter registration & elections office: Richland County (803-576-2240); Lexington County (803-785-8361).
- Visit VOTE411.org to see a list of the races and candidates that will be on your ballot. You will also find nonpartisan information about the candidates' stands on issues.

Locations in Richland County for Early In-Person Absentee Voting

Richland County Administration Building - 2020 Hampton St. - October 5, 2020 - November 2, 2020, Monday-Friday (8:30 am - 5:00 pm); Also open on October 24 and October 31 (9:00 am-1:00 pm)**

Garners Ferry Adult Activity Center - 8620 Garners Ferry Road, Hopkins - October 7, 2020 - November 2, 2020, Monday-Friday (8:30 am - 5:00 pm)

Adult Activity Center (Parklane) - 7494 Parklane Road, Columbia - October 7, 2020 - November 2, 2020, Monday-Friday (8:30 am - 5:00 pm)

Ballentine Community Center - 1009 Bickley Road, Irmo - October 7, 2020 - November 2, 2020, Monday - Friday (8:30 am - 5:00 pm)

North Springs Park Community Center - 1320 Clemson Road, Columbia - October 7, 2020 - November 2, **2020**, Monday - Friday (8:30 am - 5:00 pm)

Masonic Temple – 2324 Gervais St., Columbia – October 7, 2020 - November 2, 2020, Monday - Friday (8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.); Also open on Saturday, October 24 and October 31 (9:00 am – 1:00 pm)

**Other Saturday hours and locations may be added later.

Locations in Lexington County for Early In-Person Absentee Voting

Lexington County Auxillary Administration Building - 605 W. Main Street, Lexington – October 5, 2020 – November 2, 2020 (Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) This office is extending hours on October 21 and 28 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. It will also be open on Saturday, October 31 (9 a.m. – 1 p.m.)

Bateburg-Leesville Town Hall, 120 West Church St., Batesburg-Leesville, SC 29006
October 19, Noon – 5:00 p.m.
October 20, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
October 21, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Irmo Town Hall, 7300 Woodrow St., Irmo, SC 29063
October 22, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
October 23, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Chapin Town Hall Community Room, 157 NW Columbia Ave., Chapin, SC
October 26, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

West Columbia Community Center, 754 B Avenue, West Columbia, SC 29169
October 27, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
October 28, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
October 29, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

No curbside voting, address updates, or turning in ballots at these satellite locations.

NOTE: All South Carolina registered voters are eligible to vote early absentee in person for the November 3 General Election.

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