

## How to Apply for an Absentee Ballot in NYC

According to an Executive order signed on May 1, 2020, by Governor Andrew Cuomo, Absentee ballot applications for the June 23, 2020 Primary election will be mailed to registered voters who are members of a political party. The application will include postage paid for return mail.

1. This order applies **ONLY** to the June 23, 2020 Primary.
2. In New York State only members of a political party may vote in that party's primary.
3. **In order to receive the actual ballot, you must fill out the application and mail it to the Board of Elections (BOE). The BOE will send out the ballot after it receives the application**
4. You may also complete the Absentee Ballot Application electronically at <https://nycabsentee.com/>, which we discuss next.
5. For the upcoming primary, the application is due on June 16, 2020. However, we strongly recommend that mail in your application early to allow for delays at both the Board of Elections and the US Post Office.
6. Voters can hand deliver their absentee ballots to the early voting sites and to their Election Day poll sites

### Electronic application instructions for the June 23, 2020 Primaries

*Please see updated instructions for the General Election in November.*

Go to: <https://nycabsentee.com/>, which takes you to:



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## New York City Absentee Ballot Request

### June 23, 2020 Elections ONLY

#### Under the Governor's Executive Order 202.15

To prevent the community spread of COVID-19, all registered voters may apply for an Absentee Ballot to vote in the upcoming June 23, 2020 elections.

*If you are affected by COVID-19, please check the box for "Temporary Illness" on the application. The definition has been temporarily expanded to include those affected by COVID-19 and/or the potential of contracting the virus.*

This website can be used **only** by registered New York City voters to apply for an Absentee Ballot for the June 23, 2020 Elections.

Please enter your information **exactly** as it appears in your voter record. Failure to do so may result in a "Record Not Found".

***This does not mean you are not eligible.***

For further assistance please email [AbsenteeJune2020@boe.nyc](mailto:AbsenteeJune2020@boe.nyc) or call 1-866-VOTE-NYC

Click on:

[Absentee Ballot Application](#)



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New York, NY 10036

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[lwnyc.org](http://lwnyc.org)

Which then takes you to the page <https://nycabsentee.com/absentee> shown next:

The screenshot shows the top of the NYC Board of Elections website. At the top left is the logo with the text "BOARD OF ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK". Below the logo is a yellow warning banner: "It is a crime to procure or furnish false material information or statements to the Board of Elections." The main heading is "Absentee Ballot Request". Below this is a "Personal Information" section. It contains a paragraph: "This website can be used *only* by registered New York City voters to apply for an Absentee Ballot for the June 23, 2020 Elections." The form fields are: "First Name" (text input), "Last Name" (text input), "Birth Date" (MM, DD, YYYY dropdowns), "Borough" (dropdown menu), and "Zip Code" (text input). At the bottom of the form is a red "Continue" button.

Enter your information, hit **Continue**, then it will take you to the page:

*This part is personal and individual so we can't provide useful links*

The top part looks like this:

This screenshot shows the same website header and heading as the previous one. Below the heading is a light gray box with the text: "Record Found! Your record was retrieved below. Please fill out the remainder of the application." Below this message is a large, empty white rectangular area, which is the placeholder for the user's personal information.

*Next is your personal information, which we are not showing in this document. Following is the rest of the page.*

How would you like your Primary Election ballot delivered? (check one)

- Mail to me at my residential address
- Mail ballot to me at a different (mailing) address
- Deliver to me in person at the board of elections
- Authorize a person to pick up my ballot

I am requesting, in good faith, an Absentee Ballot due to (check one reason): If you are affected by COVID-19, please check the box for "Temporary Illness". The definition has been temporarily expanded to include those affected by COVID-19 and/or the potential of contracting the virus.

- Absence from county or New York City on election day
- Temporary illness or physical disability (including affected/potential of COVID19)
- Permanent illness or physical disability
- Duties related to primary care of one or more individuals who are ill or physically disabled
- Resident or patient of a Veterans Health Administration Hospital
- Detention in jail/prison, awaiting trial, awaiting action by a grand jury, or in prison for a conviction of a crime or offense which was not a felony


Contact Information (optional)

Phone

Email

Verification

Please verify with the CAPTCHA below

I'm not a robot  reCAPTCHA  
Privacy - Terms

Submit

You can request that the ballot be sent to your residential mailing address or a different mailing address.

Check the box "Temporary illness or physical disability" if the reason for requesting an absentee ballot is that you are "affected/potential of COVID19". Currently, this option only applies to the June 23, 2020 primary.


We encourage applicants to include their telephone number and/or email address in case the Board of Elections needs to reach them in order to process the application.

Then hit **Submit**

## Mail in Absentee Ballot Application Instructions

Go to the page: <https://vote.nyc/page/absentee-voting>

vote.nyc/page/absentee-voting

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IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK**

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### Absentee Voting

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*There is no Presidential Primary*  
**Early Voting Period is June 13, 2020 – June 21, 2020**

You can vote even if you cannot get to the polling place on Election Day.

**Under the Governor's Executive Orders:**

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**To Apply for a Ballot:**

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- **Email** application to [AbsenteeJune2020@boe.nyc](mailto:AbsenteeJune2020@boe.nyc)
- **Fax** application to 212-487-5349
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[Download the Application](#)

Applications for additional languages are below.

- [Absentee Ballot Application \(Spanish\)](#) (pdf)
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For the English language form, click on:

[Download the Application](#)

Which takes you to the page: <https://vote.nyc/sites/default/files/pdf/forms/absenteevoting/AbsenteeBallot-English.pdf>

You will need to print out the form. You can also obtain an application in Spanish, Chinese, Korean or Bengali.

The form appears next, followed by some instructions.

# New York State Absentee Ballot Application

Please print clearly. See detailed instructions.

This application must either be personally delivered to your county board of elections not later than the day before the election, or postmarked by a governmental postal service not later than 7th day before election day. The ballot itself must either be personally delivered to the board of elections no later than the close of polls on election day, or postmarked by a governmental postal service not later than the day before the election and received no later than the 7th day after the election.

BOARD USE ONLY:

Town/City/Ward/Dist: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration No: \_\_\_\_\_

Party: \_\_\_\_\_

voted in office

**1. I am requesting, in good faith, an absentee ballot due to (check one reason):**

- absence from county or New York City on election day
- temporary illness or physical disability
- permanent illness or physical disability
- duties related to primary care of one or more individuals who are ill or physically disabled
- resident or patient of a Veterans Health Administration Hospital
- detention in jail/prison, awaiting trial, awaiting action by a grand jury, or in prison for a conviction of a crime or offense which was not a felony

**2. absentee ballot(s) requested for the following election(s) :**

- Primary Election only
- General Election only
- Special Election only
- Any election held between these dates: absence begins: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ absence ends: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

3. last name or surname \_\_\_\_\_ first name \_\_\_\_\_ middle initial \_\_\_\_\_ suffix \_\_\_\_\_

4. date of birth MM/DD/YYYY \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ county where you live \_\_\_\_\_ phone number (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ email (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

5. address where you live (residence) street \_\_\_\_\_ apt. \_\_\_\_\_ city \_\_\_\_\_ state NY zip code \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

6. Delivery of Primary Election Ballot (check one)  Deliver to me in person at the board of elections

I authorize (give name): \_\_\_\_\_ to pick up my ballot at the board of elections.

Mail ballot to me at: (mailing address) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

street no. street name apt. city state zip code

7. Delivery of General (or Special) Election Ballot (check one)  Deliver to me in person at the board of elections

I authorize (give name): \_\_\_\_\_ to pick up my ballot at the board of elections.

Mail ballot to me at: (mailing address) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

street no. street name apt. city state zip code

## Applicant Must Sign Below

8. I certify that I am a qualified and a registered (and for primary, enrolled) voter; and that the information in this application is true and correct and that this application will be accepted for all purposes as the equivalent of an affidavit and, if it contains a material false statement, shall subject me to the same penalties as if I had been duly sworn.

Sign Here:   X   Date \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

MM/DD/YYYY

If applicant is unable to sign because of illness, physical disability or inability to read, the following statement must be executed: By my mark, duly witnessed hereunder, I hereby state that I am unable to sign my application for an absentee ballot without assistance because I am unable to write by reason of my illness or physical disability or because I am unable to read. I have made, or have the assistance in making, my mark in lieu of my signature. (No power of attorney or preprinted name stamps allowed. See detailed instructions.)

Date \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Voter: \_\_\_\_\_ Mark: \_\_\_\_\_

MM/DD/YYYY

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the above named voter affixed his or her mark to this application in my presence and I know him or her to be the person who affixed his or her mark to said application and understand that this statement will be accepted for all purposes as the equivalent of an affidavit and if it contains a material false statement, shall subject me to the same penalties as if I had been duly sworn.

\_\_\_\_\_ (signature of witness to mark)

\_\_\_\_\_ (address of witness to mark)

## Instructions:

**Q1.** Check the box “Temporary illness or physical disability” if the reason for requesting an absentee ballot is that you are “affected/potential of COVID19” and if you are applying for an absentee ballot for the June 23<sup>rd</sup> primary election.

For absentee ballot applications after that date, we will need to see if the governor’s executive order that provides that you are asking for an absentee ballot is concern about COVID19 exposure or related reasons.

NY State law does not currently allow for “no-excuse” absentee voting.

**Q2.** Check which elections you are requesting absentee ballots for. If you are checking the box in Q1 “Temporary illness or physical disability” for COVID19 related reasons, you should check Primary Election only.

**Q3.** Use the same name as that appears on your voter registration.

**Q4.** We encourage applicants to include their telephone number and/or email address in case the Board of Elections needs to reach them in order to process the application.

**Q5.** Use the address that appears on your voter registration.

**Q6 and Q7.** Most people will ask to have the ballot mailed to them, and the address does not need to be the same as the one on your registration. It is an option to pick up the ballot yourself at the Board of Elections, or to authorize someone to pick it up for you.

**Q8. Make sure you sign and date. This signature will be compared to the one on file on your voter registration.**

**Deadlines.** For the June 23, 2020 primary, the application is due on June 16, 2020. However, we strongly recommend that mail in your application early to allow for delays both at Board of Elections and the US Post Office.

Mail the completed and signed form to the Borough offices of the Board of Elections, not the Executive Office, as shown on the next page. This page also lists ways to contact the Board of Elections.

<https://vote.nyc/page/contact-us>



## Contact Us



### Email

For General information email: [Electioninfo@boe.nyc.ny.us](mailto:Electioninfo@boe.nyc.ny.us)



### Chat Online

[Click to Chat](#)



### Locations

#### Hours of Operation

9 A.M. - 5 P.M.

#### Executive Office

32-42 Broadway, 7 Fl, New York, NY 10004

Tel: 1-212-487-5400

[Directions](#)

#### Bronx

1780 Grand Concourse, 5 Fl, Bronx, NY 10457

Tel: 1-718-299-9017

Fax: 1-718-299-2140

[Directions](#)

#### Brooklyn

345 Adams Street, 4 Fl, Brooklyn, NY 11201

Tel: 1-718-797-8800

Fax: 1-718-246-5958

[Directions](#)

#### Queens

118-35 Queens Boulevard, Forest Hills, NY 11375

Tel: 1-718-730-6730

Fax: 1-718-459-3384

[Directions](#)

#### Manhattan

200 Varick Street, 10 Fl, New York, NY 10014

Tel: 1-212-886-2100

Fax: 1-646-638-2047

[Directions](#)

#### Staten Island

1 Edgewater Plaza, 4 Fl, Staten Island, NY 10305

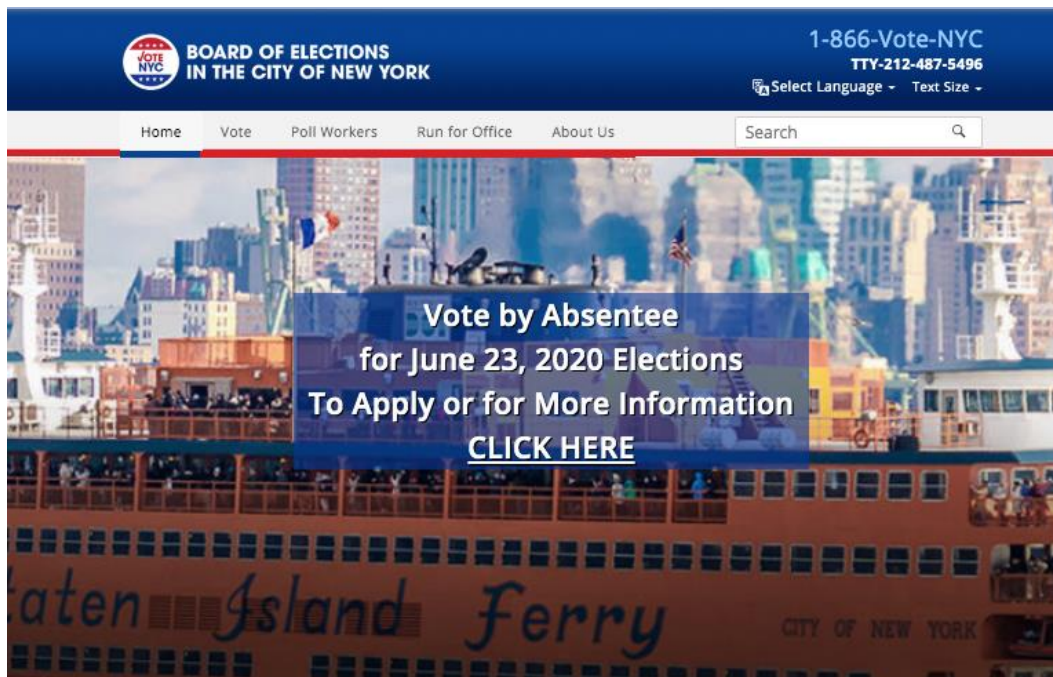
Tel: 1-718-876-0079

Fax: 1-718-876-0912

[Directions](#)

## All Absentee Voting Instructions

Go to the main Board of Elections website: <https://vote.nyc/>, shown below



Vote	Key Info	Important Dates
<a href="#">Certified Election Results</a>	<a href="#">Am I Registered to Vote?</a>	<b>MAY 26</b> Dates for filing independent nominating petitions
<a href="#">Vote at the Polls</a>	<a href="#">Register by Mail/Online</a>	<b>MAY 29</b> Last day to accept or decline a nomination
<a href="#">Absentee Voting</a>	<a href="#">FAQs</a>	<a href="#">See All Election Dates</a>
<a href="#">Understanding the ballot</a>	<a href="#">Commissioners' Meetings</a>	

**About Vote.NYC** <https://vote.nyc/> is the main NYC Board of Elections website, and is an excellent resource to be used for most voting and election related matters.

**Note:** You can change the language by clicking on “Select Language” in the top right corner. The options are English, Bengali, Chinese (Simplified), Chinese (Traditional), Korean, and Spanish. You can also call the phone numbers for voice and TTY by calling the phone numbers also given in the corner.

**Click on “Absentee Voting”, shown below, or if the page is still the same, click where it says “CLICK HERE” in the middle of the photo.**

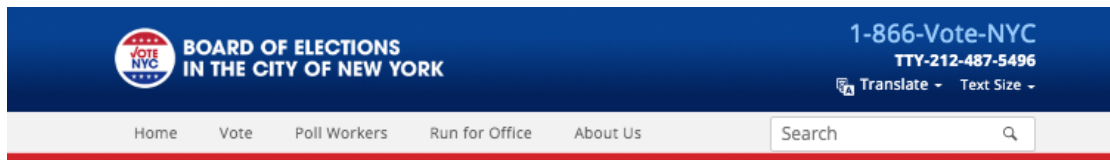


Which takes you to this page: <https://vote.nyc/page/absentee-voting>, shown in part on the next page.



This page, as shown next, states that there will not be a Democratic Presidential Primary on June 23, 2020, in addition to the State and Federal Primaries. The rulings on this issue are currently in flux, so please consult the current webpage to learn the most up-to-date status of the Democratic Presidential Primary.

Note the dates for when the absentee ballot application is due, and how to contact the Board of Elections. Follow the steps to apply on-line or by email, if the options still exist, and to download the form in English or in Spanish, Chinese, Korean or Bengali using the instructions we provided above.



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