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Mail Ballot Information

May 19, 2026 General Primary

Absentee Ballots

For registered voters who are unable to vote in person because they will be out of the municipality for work or school, or because of an illness or disability.

Mail-in Ballots

For registered voters who are not eligible to apply for an absentee ballot, but who wish to vote by mail instead of in person. No excuse or reason is required.

How to Apply for a Mail Ballot

- Apply online at vote.pa.gov/mailballot.
- Print a PDF from the Voter Services website at www.lycomingcountypa.gov/vote.
- Apply in person at Voter Services, first floor of Third Street Plaza, 33 West 3rd Street, Williamsport. Business hours are Mon-Fri, 8:30-5:00.
- Call Voter Services at (570) 327-2267 to request that an application be mailed to you.

The deadline for Voter Services to receive mail ballot applications is Tuesday, May 12 at 5:00 PM. Applications must be physically received inside the Voter Services office before the deadline. Postmarks do not count. Emailed or faxed applications cannot be accepted.

The county begins mailing ballots approximately 20 days before the election. When the mailing of ballots commences, ballots will be prepared and mailed every day in batches. Different people will receive ballots each day until all ballots reach the mail stream.

Voters can apply for a mail ballot in person at Voter Services starting 20 days before the election. Long lines can occur, particularly first thing in the morning.

The deadline for Voter Services to receive voted mail ballots is the close of polls on Election Day: Tuesday, May 19 at 8:00 PM. Voted mail ballots must be physically received inside the Voter Services office before the deadline. They can be returned by U.S. Mail, or else a voter may personally deliver their own mail ballot. No one can hand-deliver another person's voted mail ballot, unless the voter has a disability that prevents them from doing so. Disabled voters can download and print an affidavit at www.lycomingcountypa.gov/vote/accessibility to designate an authorized agent who can hand-deliver the voted mail ballot on their behalf.