



# Waukesha County

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### **WAUKESHA COUNTY VOTERS ENCOURAGED TO VOTE ABSENTEE FOR APRIL 7 ELECTION**

*Online and mail Absentee Ballot Requests due March 18*

**(WAUKESHA, WI)** – Waukesha County officials are urging voters to vote absentee for the April 7 Spring Election and Presidential Preference Primary to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

“Polls will be open throughout Waukesha County for those who need them on Election Day, but most voters should vote absentee for this election,” said Meg Wartman, Waukesha County Clerk. “For that to happen, you should request an absentee ballot as soon as possible.”

Wisconsin allows people to vote absentee for any reason. Voters can request absentee ballots online, by email, by fax, by mail or in person. Most Wisconsin voters will need to provide an acceptable photo ID when voting at the polls on Election Day or when voting by absentee ballot. More information on the Photo ID law is available at [bringit.wi.gov](http://bringit.wi.gov).

#### **Registered Voters:**

- **Online:** To request an absentee ballot online, voters can go to MyVote Wisconsin at [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov) and follow the prompts. The site allows them to track their ballot so they can know when the clerk has mailed it to them. They must request the ballot by 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 2.
- **Email or Fax:** Voters can also email or fax their local clerk to request an absentee ballot by 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 2. A directory of clerks is available on the Elections Commission's website at <https://elections.wi.gov/clerks/directory>
- **Mail:** To request a ballot by mail, voters can download a form from the Elections Commission's website and send it to their clerk. The clerk must receive the application by 5 p.m. on the Thursday before the election. Forms are available at <https://elections.wi.gov/forms>

#### **Voters That Need to Register:**

- **Online or By Mail:** Unregistered voters have until Wednesday, March 18 to sign up on MyVote Wisconsin [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov) and follow the prompts. If your name or address has changed since the last election, you need to register with your current information.
- **In-Person:** Voters can register in their clerk's office until April 3 and can also register at the polls on Election Day.

Voters who cannot find themselves on MyVote should call their municipal clerk's office at or call the Wisconsin Elections Commission at 866-VOTE-WIS (866-868-3947) or 608-261-8005.

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