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VOTER ASSISTANCE TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT AVAILABLE

Voters Encouraged to Vote Absentee for the April 7 Election

[DOOR COUNTY, WI] – Because of the COVID-19, voters in Door County are strongly urged to act now to vote absentee for the April 7 Spring Election and Presidential Preference Primary.

In an effort to assist registered voters throughout Door County who may not have the resources (computer, internet, mobile phone, copier, etc.) to request an absentee ballot for the April 7th Election the Door County Clerk, Door County Municipal Clerks, and the Door County Emergency Support Coalition (DCESC) have joined forces. Door County registered voters who need assistance getting an absentee ballot should call their Municipal (city, town, or village) Clerk direct or the Door County Clerk's office at 920-746-2200. Clerks will work with DCESC to provide the assistance.

DCESC will have volunteers (vetted with a background check) available to come to your residence to help you. ***Prior to the DCESC volunteer arriving, voters will need to have a written request and their photo ID outside of their door (volunteers will not be entering homes).*** The DCESC volunteer will take a photo of the request and ID and email the request to the County Clerk. The County Clerk will forward the email to the appropriate municipal clerk for processing. Your Municipal Clerk will then send you your ballot by mail along with instructions for voting the ballot and returning the ballot.

Polls will be open in Door County for those who need them on Election Day, *but most voters should vote absentee for this election.* For that to happen, voters should request an absentee ballot as soon as possible.

How to Request an Absentee Ballot

For registered voters who have a computer/internet, or a mobile phone, or a copier:

If you have **internet access**, the easiest way is to sign up at MyVote Wisconsin, <https://myvote.wi.gov>.

Look for the "Vote Absentee" button near the top of the page. On a mobile phone, use the menu button in the upper right corner of the website. There is a three-step process that starts with putting in your name and date of birth, followed by requesting your ballot. If you don't already have a photo ID on file with your clerk's office, you can upload a

copy. **Mobile phone users** can take a picture and upload it to MyVote. Absentee ballot requests submitted this way go directly to your clerk's office, and you can track your ballot by returning to the website.

Voters can also request absentee ballots **by mailing, emailing or faxing** their municipal clerk's office. You can find your clerk's contact information on MyVote Wisconsin. **These requests must be accompanied by a copy of your photo ID.** If you already have a photo ID on file from previous absentee requests under your current registration, you will not need to provide it again.

Voters who are indefinitely confined, meaning they may have difficulty getting to the polls for reason of age, illness, infirmity, or disability are not required to provide a photo ID. Voters in care facilities can have a representative of the facility confirm the resident's identity instead of providing a photo ID. More information on photo ID and exemptions can be found at bringit.wi.gov.

The deadline for registered voters to request an absentee ballot be mailed to you is the Thursday before the election, April 2. However, Door County urges voters not to wait, due to possible delays in mail delivery. If you get an absentee ballot mailed to you, you can still decide to vote at the polls on Election Day if you haven't returned it.

Your absentee ballot must be received in your clerk's office or at your polling place by 8 p.m. on Election Day. Again, Door County urges voters to request and return ballots as soon as possible.