

ABSENTEE VOTING

Registered Lincoln County, Missouri voters who expect to be prevented from going to their polling place on Election Day may vote absentee beginning six weeks prior to an election.

Absentee voters must provide one of the following reasons for voting absentee:

1. Absence on Election Day from the jurisdiction of the election authority in which such voter is registered to vote;
2. Incapacity or confinement due to illness or physical disability, including a person who is primarily responsible for the physical care of a person who is incapacitated or confined due to illness or disability;
3. Religious belief or practice;
4. Employment as an election authority, as a member of an election authority, or by an election authority at a location other than such voter's polling place;
5. Incarceration provided all qualifications for voting are retained.
6. Certified participation in the address confidentiality program established under sections 589.660 to 589.681 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri because of safety concerns.
7. I have contracted or am in an at-risk category for contracting or transmitting severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (COVID-19), pursuant to Section 115.277.6, RSMo.

At-risk voters are individuals who:

- Are 65 years of age or older
- Have serious heart conditions
- Are immunocompromised
- Have liver disease
- Live in a long-term care facility licensed under Chapter 198, RSMo.
- Have chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma
- Have chronic kidney disease and are undergoing dialysis
- Have diabetes

Reasons 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 require you to have your signature on the ballot envelope notarized. Reasons 2 and 7 do not require a notary.

Registered voters may request an absentee ballot to be mailed to them by submitting a signed absentee ballot application to absentee@lincolncountymoclerk.gov, by faxing it to (636) 528-5528 or by mailing it to Crystal M. Hall, Lincoln County Clerk, 201 Main Street, Troy, MO 63379.

Relatives within the second degree (spouses, parents, siblings, children, grandparents or grandchildren) may complete an absentee ballot application, in person, on behalf of the voter who wishes to vote absentee.

All requests for an absentee ballot to be mailed must be received by the election authority no later than the 5:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday prior to any election.

Voters can also vote an absentee ballot in person beginning the sixth Tuesday prior to an election until 5:00 p.m. the night before the election including 8 am to 12 pm the Saturday before the election.

MAIL-IN BALLOTS

A registered voter may request a mail-in ballot by submitting a signed mail-in ballot application via U.S. Mail to Crystal M. Hall, Lincoln County Clerk, 201 Main Street, Troy, MO 63379 or bringing the application to our office in person.

Mail-in ballot requests must be returned to our office by the voter in person, on behalf of the voter by a relative within the second degree (spouses, parents, siblings, children, grandparents or grandchildren) or by U.S. Mail.

Missouri Law requires the voter's signature on a mail-in ballot envelope to be notarized for the ballot to be counted.

Mail-in ballots may only be returned to our office via U.S. Mail

All requests for a mail-in ballot to be mailed must be received by the election authority no later than the 5:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday prior to any election.

ID REQUIREMENTS

Voters requesting an absentee ballot by mail or a mail-in ballot who have registered by mail and have not voted in person are required to submit a copy of their personal identification unless they provided a copy with their registration application. Examples of acceptable identification are:

1. Identification issued by the state of Missouri, an agency of the state, or a local election authority of the state;
2. Identification issued by the United States government or agency thereof;
3. Identification issued by an institution of higher education, including a university, college, vocational and technical school, located within the state of Missouri;
4. A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document that contains the name and address of the voter; or
5. Other identification approved by the secretary of state under rules promulgated pursuant to Missouri Law.

This identification requirement, as well as the notary requirement for absentee ballots, does not apply to overseas voters, those on active military duty or members of their immediate family living with them or voters who are permanently disabled and their caregivers.

MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTERS

Military and overseas citizens should visit the *Military and Overseas Voting Portal*. Through this portal, eligible voters can register to vote, request and receive absentee ballots, and learn about upcoming elections. Follow the link to the portal at: <https://movotesportal.sos.mo.gov/movotes/voter/login.aspx>