The Absentee Voting Process & COVID-19

How to vote absentee:

1. Request an application for an absentee ballot. 
   Choose your preferred method for obtaining an application.
   
   **Online**
   - Go to [https://de.gov/schabsvote](https://de.gov/schabsvote)
   - Download the absentee affidavit for your school district by clicking the appropriate link under “School Election Absentee Ballot Applications”.

   **By Phone**
   - Contact the Elections office for your county and ask them to mail you an absentee ballot paper application for your school district.
   - Wait for your application to arrive in the mail.

2. Complete and submit the application.

   **Fillable Form / Paper Application**
   - Carefully read the instructions on the form and respond accordingly. Please make sure that you completely fill out each section to ensure there is no delay in processing your request.
   - Fill in the top part of the left column. Provide your phone and email address so that your Elections office can contact you if needed.
   - Read the affirmation statement and check the appropriate box that applies to your situation.
     
     **Absentee Reason:** The fourth checkbox: “I am sick or physically disabled” is an acceptable reason for requesting an absentee ballot relating to COVID-19 concerns.
   - Fill in your expected location and phone number on Election day. "Home" is an acceptable location, if applicable.
   - Sign and date the form.
   - Send the completed form to the Elections office for your county either by mail, fax or email.

3. Wait for your absentee ballot to arrive. 
   You can check the status of your absentee ballot by contacting the Elections office for your county.

4. Vote your absentee ballot.

5. Return your voted absentee ballot. 
   For your vote to be counted in the school election, your voted absentee ballot must be received by the Elections office for your county no later than 8 p.m. (EDT) on the day of the election.

Stay up to date with Elections and visit [elections.delaware.gov](https://elections.delaware.gov) for additional resources.

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PLEASE NOTE: Per the provisions of the sixth modification of the current State of Emergency, voters are permitted to vote by absentee for the reason: “I am sick, or physically disabled” if they are impacted by COVID-19. This includes those without symptoms, but who are abiding by the CDC and Public Health guidelines on practicing self-quarantining and social distancing.