Lehigh County Mail-In Voting Q&A

Can I vote by mail?

Yes. Act 77, which was passed in 2019, allows for no excuse mail-in voting. Applications must be received by October 27th and are available in the Voter Registration's Office or online at https://www.votespa.com/Pages/default.aspx

How do I know my application has been accepted or if my ballot has been received?

Citizens who sign up on <u>votespa.com</u> will receive emails about their application/ballot status. Voters who applied on paper can track the status of their ballot at <u>votespa.com</u> and check for the "Pending" status.

Why did I get an email saying my application for a mail-in ballot has been declined?

It's likely that a duplicate application was filed. If an application was requested for General Election while applying for the Primary, then your request was already received. Local groups have also sent out unsolicited applications which may have confused voters into applying more than once.

Do not hesitate to contact the Lehigh County Voter Office at 610-782-3194 or email <u>electionboard@lehighcounty.org</u> with any questions on your application status.

When will ballots go out in the mail?

End of September/Early October. You may check the status of your ballot online at votespa.com.

I'm worried about getting my mail-in ballot back to the Elections Office on time.

To be counted, ballots must be returned to the Election's Office by 8:00PM on November 3rd. Right now, we are recommending voters return their ballot as soon as possible or at least get it in the mail by October 20th.

What kind of stamp should I use to mail my ballot back?

Voters do not have to use a stamp to return their ballots. Return envelopes are already paid with first class postage.

Do I have to return my ballot by mail?

No. Those who wish to hand their ballots in directly can do so by directly handing their ballot to the Voter Registration Office located on the basement floor of the Government Center. Ballots must be given to a Voter Registration Office employee to count. The deadline to hand in a mail-in ballot is 8PM on Election Night,

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Is there anything visible on the outside of the mail-in ballot envelope that indicates my party affiliation such as a "D" for Democrat?

No.

Will the polls be open on November 3rd?

Yes.

Do I have to wear a mask at the polls? What about the poll workers?

We strongly advise that voters wear masks out of respect to the people who volunteer in our elections. All poll workers are required to wear a mask.

Who should voters call if they have problems or questions either before or on Election Day?

For assistance, please call the Lehigh County Voter Office at 610-782-3194 or email <u>electionboard@lehighcounty.org</u>

Volunteer as a Poll Worker!

If you or someone you know would like to help in the upcoming election, please consider volunteering as a poll worker. Lehigh County is always looking for help in its elections, and this year more than ever, we are in need of volunteers to assist with the polls.