

LEHIGH COUNTY

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Press Release

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Lehigh County Government Center Extends Hours for Mail-In Voting Drop-Off

Voters have the option to drop off their mail-in ballot or vote in-person at the Lehigh County Voter Registration Office.

<u>Allentown, PA-</u> On September 9th, 2020, the Lehigh County Election Board approved extended office hours for voters seeking to hand in their mail-in ballots. The Lehigh County Government Center and the Lehigh County Voter Registration Office will be open to voters for a two-week period from October 19th- October 30th. The building will also be open on Saturday, October 24th and Saturday, October 31st from 9am-1pm for drop-off.

A complete list of hours are as follows:

Monday – Friday	10/19 - 10/30	8am – 8pm
Saturday	10/24 & 10/31	9am – 1pm
Tuesday	11/3	7am – 8pm

Reserved parking will be available in front of the Government Center on 17 S 7th St, Allentown during these times. Two spots will be accessible on 7th Street and two spots will be available on Hamilton Street.

The decision to extend hours was made to provide flexibility for voters while maintaining accordance with ACT 77, the only set of regulations available to Lehigh County in regards to mail-in voting. Please be advised a voter can only hand in his or her own ballot to the Voter Registration Office. Any bulk submissions or a ballot that is not your own will not be accepted.

Mail-in ballots are scheduled to be sent out the last week of September or the first week of October. Lehigh County is still awaiting confirmation on the approved state ballot that will go into print. This is due to the pending status of the Green Party presidential candidate.

Additionally, ACT 77 allows for registered voters to vote at the Voter Registration Office at any time after mail-in ballots have been distributed. If a resident applied for a mail-in ballot but has not received their ballot in the mail, they may instead vote in-person at the Voter Registration Office. The deadline to apply to vote at the office is Tuesday, October 27th at 5pm.

This is the full legal extent Lehigh County can do for mail-in voting allowed by law as of today, September 9th, 2020. Please be advised legislation is subject to change.

For more information on mail-in voting, please contact the Lehigh County Voter Registration Office at 610-782-3194 or contact Public Information Officer Laura Grammes at 610-782-3002.

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