



Michigan Department of State

How to vote absentee

You don't need an excuse or a reason – all registered voters in Michigan can now vote using an absentee ballot.

There are several ways to request an absentee ballot:

- Go to **Michigan.gov/Vote** and fill out the online form.
- Download an application and return it by mail or in person to your city or township clerk.
- Call your city or township clerk and request that an application be mailed to you.
- Visit your city or township clerk's office in person.

Online and mail requests for an absentee ballot must be received by your city or township clerk no later than 5 p.m. the Friday before the election.

If you are already registered at your current address, you can request an absentee ballot in person at your clerk's office anytime up to 4 p.m. on the day prior to the election.

If you plan to vote absentee, request your absentee ballot as early as possible. Applications can be submitted up to 75 days before an election.

Submitting your absentee ballot:

- Mark your ballot and be sure to sign and seal the postage-paid return envelope.
- Your completed absentee ballot must be received by your city or township clerk by 8 p.m. on Election Day.
- You can submit your ballot by mail in the prepaid envelope or by hand-delivering it to your clerk's office or a secure ballot drop box in your city or township.
- The drop box you use must be in your city or township or it may not be counted.
- If you are returning your ballot within two weeks of Election Day, hand-deliver it to your clerk's office or drop box to avoid possible postal delays.
- As another option, you can cast your absentee ballot at your early voting site or at your polling place on Election Day.

For more information about voting absentee, visit Michigan.gov/Vote