

Elections Update: Requesting Absentee Ballots, Early In-Person Voting, Pollworkers Wanted

Because of COVID-19, voters are strongly urged to act now to vote absentee for the April 7 Spring Election and Presidential Preference Primary. Please be aware, we will be practicing social distancing during the early absentee voting process and on Election Day. The methods being practiced are intended to protect the health and well-being of all involved and as a result, expect that the process to vote will be more time consuming than usual.

This includes making mailed absentee ballot requests via the state website, [MyVote](#). Please use the website and call the Clerk's office for assistance 414-762-2222.

We are strongly recommending that all registered voters request a mailed ballot online.

Voters that are not currently registered are now able to register online on [MyVote](#) through March 30th, or visit City Hall in-person to register through Friday, April 3rd. After that, you will have to register on Election Day at your polling location with proper proof of residency.

City buildings are closed, and open by appointment only. Mailed absentee ballots can be requested through April 2 by using the [MyVote](#) website or emailing the elections@smwi.org mailbox, and requesting an absentee ballot. Please also attach a copy of your photo ID. A list of acceptable photo IDs can be found at <https://bringit.wi.gov/>.

Learn more in a press release [here](#).

Early Voting

In-person absentee voting (early voting) will start on Monday, March 23, and continue through Friday, April 3. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 23-April 2, and 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, March 3.

Voters will be allowed into City Hall to vote during those times.

Please stay tuned to media sources and the city website for more information, and as new information is shared on elections, potentially in coming days.

Pollworkers Needed

Election Day is April 7, and we are looking for pollworkers to help. Anyone over the age of 16 is eligible, including students home from work due to the school shutdown. This is a paid position, and we provide training. We prefer workers to work all-day shifts, from 6:30 a.m. to close. Half shifts are also available: 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 1 p.m. to close.

Please consider stepping up to support the city and the democratic process. To volunteer, please fill out this application. You can also call the Clerk's office at 414-762-2222, or email City Clerk Karen Kastenson at kkastenson@smwi.org.





City employees across departments and volunteers stepped up on Tuesday to fold and stuff more than 800 absentee ballots for mailing. These are mail ballot requests that have come to us through Monday -- with demand running four times the usual at this point. Additional requested ballots will be mailed in coming weeks.