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Voters Encouraged to Vote Absentee for April 7 Election

TOWN OF NEWBOLD VOTERS, ONEIDA COUNTY– Because of the COVID-19, voters in the Town of Newbold are strongly urged to act now to vote absentee for the April 7 Spring Election and Presidential Preference Primary.

“Polls will be open in Newbold for those who need them on Election Day, but most voters should consider voting absentee for this election if they have concerns about the virus pandemic,” said Kim Gauthier, Town Clerk. “For that to happen, you should request an absentee ballot as soon as possible.”

How to Request an Absentee Ballot

There are several ways already registered voters can request absentee ballots.

1. If they **have internet access**, the easiest way is to sign up at **My Vote Wisconsin**, <https://myvote.wi.gov>.

Just look for the “Vote Absentee” button near the top of the page. On a mobile phone, use the menu button in the upper right corner of the website. There is a three-step process that starts with putting in your name and date of birth, followed by requesting your ballot. If you don’t already have a photo ID on file with your clerk’s office, you can upload a copy. Mobile phone users can take a picture and upload it to My Vote. Absentee ballot requests submitted this way go directly to your local clerk’s office, and you can track your ballot by returning to the website.

2. Voters can also request absentee ballots by **mailing, emailing or faxing** their municipal clerk’s office. Newbold Clerk: kgauthier@newboldtown.com or 715-362-1092. These requests must be accompanied by a copy of your photo ID. If you already have a photo ID on file from previous absentee requests under your current registration, you will not need to provide it again.

Voters who are indefinitely confined, meaning they may have difficulty getting to the polls for reason of age, illness, infirmity, or disability are not required to provide a photo ID. Voters in care facilities can have a representative of the facility confirm the resident's identity instead of providing a photo ID.

Note: The deadline for registered voters to request an absentee ballot **be mailed** to you is the Thursday before the election, or April 2. However, the Newbold Town Clerk urges voters not to wait, due to possible delays in mail delivery. If you get an absentee ballot mailed to you, you can still decide to vote at the polls on Election Day if you haven’t returned it.

Your absentee ballot must be received in your clerk’s office or at your polling place by 8 p.m. on Election Day.

How to Register to Vote by the Deadline

1. Acting by Wednesday, March 18, is especially important for anyone who needs to **register** to vote **by mail**. If your name or address has changed since the last election, you need to register with your current information. You can check your registration status at <https://myvote.wi.gov>, click on “My Voter Info.” The Town of Newbold also have this information and forms on the town website at www.newboldtown.com

If you know you are registered but cannot find yourself on the website, you should contact your clerk or Wisconsin Elections Commission. There is possibly a typo in the spelling of your name or your date of birth. Voters who cannot find themselves on My Vote should call their municipal clerk’s office or call the Wisconsin Elections Commission at 866-VOTE-WIS (866-868-3947) or 608-261-8005.

2. **After March 18th, electors must register in person in the municipal clerk's office or at the polling place on Election Day.**

Online voter registration is available at <https://myvote.wi.gov>. There are two ways you can register using the website:

- People with a Wisconsin driver license or state ID card whose address is current with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation can complete their online registration immediately. People who need to update their address with DOT can accomplish that online and complete their online registration.
- People without a Wisconsin driver license or state ID card can fill out the voter registration form online, then print it, sign it and mail it to their municipal clerk’s office along with a proof-of residence document. The website has detailed instructions. If you do not have a printer where you are, you can save the completed form as a PDF and make arrangements to have a family member or a friend with a printer, or a copy center, to print it for you.

Blank voter registration forms are also available at the clerk’s office, by calling the Newbold Town Clerk at 715-362-1092.

Voters who miss the mailing deadline may register in their municipal clerk’s office until the Friday before the election, which is April 3 or at the polls on Election Day, April 7, 2020.