

2020 Election Dates and Absentee Deadlines for Forsyth County, GA

2020 Election Date & Type	EARLIEST Day to Submit an Absentee Ballot Request	Mailing of Absentee Ballots will begin no later than***:	Voter Registration Deadline	LAST Day to Submit an Absentee Ballot Request
March 24 Presidential Preference Primary*	September 26, 2019	February 8, 2020	February 24, 2020	March 20, 2020
April 21 Special Election Runoff**	October 24, 2019	As soon as ballots are available	February 24, 2020	April 17, 2020
May 19 Federal/State/Local General Primary & NonPartisan General Election*	November 21, 2019	April 4, 2020	April 20, 2020	May 15, 2020
July 21 State/Local General Primary Runoff** NonPartisan General Election Runoff ** Federal General Primary Runoff**	January 23, 2020	June 6, 2020	State/local: April 20, 2020	July 17, 2020
			Federal: June 22, 2020	
November 3 Federal/State/Local General Election*	May 7, 2020	September 19, 2020	October 5, 2020	October 30, 2020
December 1 State/Local General Election Runoff**	June 4, 2020	As soon as ballots are available	October 5, 2020	November 25, 2020
January 5, 2021 Federal General Election Runoff**	July 9, 2020	November 21, 2020	December 7, 2020	December 31, 2020

* And Special Election, if called **Runoff, if needed

*****Mailing of Absentee Ballots will begin no later than** the dates listed above and no earlier than 4 days prior to the date listed for all absentee voters with a completed application on file as of the date listed above. Completed Absentee Ballot Applications received on or after this date will be processed and a ballot mailed to the voter within three business days of receipt.

Absentee FAQ'S

Voting By Mail

All persons desiring to vote by mail must first submit a signed, written request to the Voter Registrations and Elections Office by mail, email of a scanned copy, fax or personal delivery. Please fill out all information clearly and completely. We are unable to process an incomplete application. See reverse for the Election Dates and Deadlines.

How Early May You Submit Your Request For An Absentee Ballot?

You may request an absentee ballot no more than 180 days prior to an election. By law, requests received more than 180 days prior to an election will be rejected. See reverse for the earliest/last day you may submit a request.

When Is The Last Day You May Submit Your Request For An Absentee Ballot?

An Absentee Ballot Application must be received in our office by the close of business on the Friday before Election Day in order to be processed and mailed on that Friday. There is no voting the Monday prior to any election (which includes mailing out ballots). Our office hours are Monday to Friday, 8am to 4:30pm.

Special Provisions For The Elderly / Disabled Voters Requesting An Absentee Ballot

If you are a voter age 65 or older and/or a voter with a physical disability, you may choose to submit one application and receive a ballot for the 2020 election cycle: Presidential Preference Primary, General Primary, Primary Runoff, General Election, and General Runoff(s). You must check the appropriate box on the Application for Official Absentee Ballot (these are listed under *EXCEPTIONS on the application) or clearly state this desire on your written request which indicates your request is for all ballots to be mailed to you within the election cycle.

Special Provisions for the Military/Citizens Living Overseas

Active Military personnel and U.S. citizens living overseas are defined under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizen Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA). See *EXCEPTIONS on the application. For more information visit www.fvap.gov.

NOTE: All applicants who do not indicate on their absentee ballot application that they are age 65 or older, are a voter with a physical disability or are currently active military and/or living overseas and desire to vote by mail must submit a separate application for each election.

Deadline for Returning Your Voted Absentee Ballot

Absentee ballots must be returned to our office by 7:00 pm on Election Day in order to be counted. There are special provisions for military/overseas voters; please contact our office for more details.

ID Requirements

Eligible voters desiring to vote by mail may submit an absentee ballot application without providing a reason or identification. However, voters who registered for the first time in Georgia by mail and did not provide identification with their registration, will be required to provide, at the time of voting, one of the six acceptable forms of Photo ID or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other governmental document that shows the name and address of the voter. Those voters not having the proper form of identification will be offered a Provisional Ballot.

Voter Registration Deadline

In Georgia, voters must be registered to vote 30 days prior to an election to be eligible to vote in that election. Contact our office or visit www.mvp.sos.ga.gov to verify if you are registered to vote and/or if your information on file is up to date. To register to vote online, click on 'Register' at www.mvp.sos.ga.gov. See reverse for deadlines.

Georgia Voters Do Not Register By Party

In Georgia, voters do not register by party. On the day of a Primary, each registered voter chooses a Democratic, Republican or NonPartisan/Special Election (if applicable) ballot. In the case of a runoff, those who chose a Democratic ballot in the Primary can only vote a Democratic ballot in the Primary Runoff. Those who chose a Republican ballot in the Primary can only vote a Republican ballot in the Primary Runoff. Those registered voters who did not vote in the Primary or who voted a NonPartisan/Special Election ballot can choose a Democratic, Republican or NonPartisan/Special Election (if applicable) ballot in the Primary Runoff. You may choose a different ballot type for the Presidential Preference Primary and the General Primary.