



**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
City of Lewes 2020 Municipal Election
COVID-19 Accommodations & Absentee Ballots**

This FAQ is intended to provide guidance and to answer questions to voters in navigating the voting process for the City of Lewes.

This year, the COVID-19 Pandemic has caused some changes in the Lewes municipal election process. The election, originally scheduled for May 9, 2020, is now rescheduled for Saturday, July 18, 2020. Also, because many people are continuing to adhere to recommendations to stay at home and avoid crowds, the City of Lewes anticipates a higher number of voters than normal to vote via absentee ballot. Consistent with guidance provided in Governor Carney's emergency declaration, the City of Lewes has sent absentee ballot applications to all eligible registered voters.

1. Where was my absentee ballot application sent?

Your absentee ballot application was sent to the address provided on your voter registration. Even if you use a P.O. Box for your mail delivery, this is not the address associated with your voter registration. Due to COVID-19, absentee ballot applications are being sent to all eligible registered voters in the City of Lewes. If you would like to request that your ballot be sent to a different address, please email election@ci.lewes.de.us with your first and last name, your permanent address where you are registered, and the address you would like your application to be sent to instead.

2. How do I submit my absentee ballot application?

You can either mail it to: City of Lewes, P.O. BOX 227, Lewes, Delaware. Attn: Absentee Ballot App. OR you can drop it off in the drop box behind City Hall in the BPW/Police Parking Lot.

3. I just registered to vote; how do I get an application for an absentee ballot?

Once you register to vote, your absentee ballot application will automatically be sent to you at the address provided on your registration. It should arrive within two weeks of getting an email confirmation that you are registered.

4. I am unsure if I am registered to vote, what should I do?

Please email election@ci.lewes.de.us to find out if you are registered, or call City Hall during regular business hours at 302-645-7777.

5. I received an absentee ballot application, but I have moved out of the City, how can I be removed from the voter registration list?

Please email election@ci.lewes.de.us with your name, previous Lewes address, date of birth, and reason for your request for removal from the registration list. You will receive a confirmation email when you have been removed.

6. I have a family member, partner, or spouse, who is deceased and received an absentee ballot application, what should I do?

We are very sorry for your loss. If this is the case, please email election@ci.lewes.de.us with the individual's name and address so they can be removed from future mailings. You will receive a confirmation email when this has been done. We are unable to remove deceased registered voters without a death certificate, but we will mark the voter registration list appropriately.

7. If I am voting via absentee ballot due to COVID-19 concerns, which box should I check on my application?

Please check "I am sick or physically disabled". This is in accordance with guidance provided to the City from the Delaware Department of Elections.

8. When is my absentee ballot application due?

They are due no later than noon the day before the election, which is July 17th this year. It should be noted, however, that absentee ballots are due no later than July 18th at 6pm. Absentee ballots received after this time will not be counted. With this in mind, we recommend that you return your absentee ballot application as early as possible.

9. I would like to vote in person, what do I do?

That is perfectly fine. No action is required right now if you wish to vote in person. The polling location will be open at City Hall on July 18th from 8am to 6pm. Please make sure to bring photo ID, wear a mask, and adhere to social distancing. There will be a limit of ten total individuals at a time in the building.

10. I still have questions, who can I ask?

Please email election@ci.lewes.de.us with any further questions regarding the election, or call City Hall during regular business hours at 302-645-7777.

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