

# SC PRIMARY ELECTION FAQ

**ALL SC voters are eligible to vote by mail for the June 9 primary!**

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## **How do I request an absentee ballot?**

The three ways to request an absentee ballot are outlined below.

### **Apply online:**

Apply online [here](#). To request online, you must be able to print the application and return it to your county election commission headquarters by mail, by email, or in person.

### **Request an application by phone:**

You can request an application by phone from your county board of elections. Find the contact information for your county office [here](#).

### **Apply in person:**

You can fill out an application in person at your county board of elections headquarters. Find the physical address for your county headquarters [here](#).

## **When is the deadline to request an absentee ballot?**

June 5

## **Why does the application ask me to choose a political party affiliation?**

In South Carolina primary elections, each political party has a different ballot. Therefore, primary voters are required to select a party affiliation to receive an absentee ballot that corresponds with the party of their choice. Note: This rule only applies to primary elections. You do not have to claim a party affiliation for the November general election.

## **What happens after I submit my application?**

After you submit your application, your absentee ballot will be mailed to you.

## **I requested an application online and received two applications in the mail. What's up with that?**

If you apply online, the South Carolina State Election Commission will automatically generate applications to vote absentee for both the June primary and the November general elections.

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## **I applied online using “Excuse 18: State of Emergency.” Is this a valid excuse for my November absentee ballot, too?**

No. At this point, this excuse is not recognized as a valid excuse for the November election. If you choose “Excuse 18: State of Emergency” as your reason for requesting an absentee ballot, you must discard the automatically generated November application.

## **I filled out my ballot. What’s next?**

You must read the oath and sign the outside envelope that comes with your ballot. You will need to mail your ballot to your county election commission headquarters. You can find their address [here](#).

## **Will my ballot be counted if it is NOT signed by a witness?**

Your ballot does not have to be signed by a witness. A federal court ruling issued on May 25, 2020 struck down that requirement for the June primary election. This ruling applies across all of South Carolina.

## **Is a photo ID required to vote by mail?**

No.

## **Do I have to put a stamp on my envelope?**

Yes. You are responsible for putting a stamp on the return envelope.

## **When is the deadline to return my ballot?**

No later than 7 PM on Election Day, June 9

## **Are there other ways to vote?**

Yes! Your alternative options are outlined below.

### **Absentee in-person voting:**

If you decide it is safe for you, you may choose to vote absentee in-person at the county voter registration office now through June 8. Note: A photo ID (or an affidavit of reasonable impediment) is required to vote absentee in person.

### **Election Day in-person voting:**

You may still vote at your precinct on June 9th, Election Day. Find your polling place [here](#).