

Absentee Voting 1

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The deadline for Arkansas voters to request an absentee ballot by mail is October 27th – one week before Election Day. But with expected strains on the Postal Service, Pulaski County Clerk Terri Hollingsworth is encouraging voters to act as soon as possible. As of a week ago, about 7,000 voters in the county had requested absentee ballots. With increasing concerns about COVID-19, she expects that number to rise. Voters should be proactive, Hollingsworth says, to make sure they are registered and meet all deadlines. There are three ways to vote in Arkansas...

News15 0:27 "...up and application."

For those who choose to vote in-person, Hollingsworth says there will be adequate social distancing and staff will be wearing personal protective equipment. For anyone not registered to vote, the deadline for the General Election is October 5th.

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Arkansas's most populous county is reporting a sharp increase in requests for absentee ballots compared to the last presidential election. Pulaski County Election Commissioner Terri Hollingsworth says – as of a week ago – about 7,000 absentee ballots had been requested. That compares to about 15-hundred at this point in 2016. She says voters must be careful to meet all deadlines.

News16 0:20 "...stamps on it."

Hollingsworth says concern about COVID-19 is a legitimate reason to request an absentee ballot, thanks to an executive order from the governor. She also dismisses President Trump's claim that there is the potential for widespread fraud.

News17 0:19 "...kind of thing."

For those who vote in-person on Election Day or during early voting, Hollingsworth says there will be adequate social distancing in lines and between election machines.