

Primary Election

Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate declared there will be no postponement of the Primary Election and noted, “During the COVID-19 pandemic, voting by mail is the safest option and easiest way to exercise your right to vote” stressing the message “Stay at Home, Vote at Home”. Secretary Pate is sending pre-paid postage absentee ballot request forms to every active registered voter in the state.

Keokuk County Auditor Christy Bates “Strongly encourages voters to cast an absentee ballot by mail in the upcoming June 2nd Primary Election as a protective measure due to COVID-19 public health concerns”, further emphasizing, “Absentee voting has security measures in place to ensure the integrity of the ballot”.

ABSENTEE VOTE BY MAIL - Requests must be received no later than Friday, May 22nd.

All active voters will receive a pre-paid postage absentee ballot request form in the mail. Please fill out and promptly return to: Keokuk County Auditor - 101 S. Main Street – Sigourney, IA 52591.

If you have not received a request form: clip out, fill in and return completed form to the Auditor’s Office.

STATE OF IOWA OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST FORM		For Office Use Only
YOUR NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH	Last: _____ Suffix: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____ Date of Birth (month, day, year): ____/____/____	Revised October 2019
ID NUMBER Complete One	Iowa Driver’s License or Non-Operator ID Number: _____ OR Four-digit Voter PIN (can be found on Voter Identification Card): _____	Voters who do not appear in the Iowa Dept. of Transportation’s Driver’s License or Non-Operator ID files are mailed an Iowa Voter Identification Card at the time of registration. Any voter may request a Voter Identification Card.
YOUR IOWA RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS	Home Street Address (include apt, lot, etc. if applicable): _____ City: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____ <i>You must be registered to vote in the county to receive an absentee ballot. If you are registered to vote in the county, this form will be used to update your voter registration if the information provided on this form is different than the information on your registration record.</i>	
WHERE YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT SHOULD BE MAILED If different than above	Mailing Address/P.O. Box: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Country (other than USA): _____	
CONTACT INFO Important	Phone: _____ Email: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Do not add this contact info to my voter record
ELECTION DATE OR TYPE Choose only one election.	Election Date: 06/02/2020 OR <input type="checkbox"/> General <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> City/School <input type="checkbox"/> Special: _____	
PRIMARY ELECTION ONLY	Check one political party: <input type="checkbox"/> Democratic <input type="checkbox"/> Republican	
REQUESTER AFFIDAVIT Powers of attorney do not have legal authority to request an absentee ballot on behalf of another.	I swear or affirm that I am the person named above and I am a registered voter or I am entitled to register at the address listed on this form. I am eligible to receive and vote an absentee ballot for the election indicated above.	
	Signature: X _____	Date: _____

Iowans may also download the request form directly from the Iowa Secretary of State website, VoterReady.iowa.gov or the Keokuk County website, keokukcountyia.com (click on Auditor).

DROP BOX

A secure ELECTION labeled drop box is located inside the East Courthouse Entrance and available for use Monday – Friday during the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. for voters to return completed absentee ballot request forms or voted absentee ballots. A secure drop box has been installed outside of the North Courthouse Entrance to allow 24/7 use for all departments. If personal delivery is preferred, please call the Auditor’s Office at 641-622-2320 and we will meet you at the North Entrance. Security measures are in place to ensure the integrity of the request or ballot.

Primary elections are intended for members of the Republican and Democratic parties to elect candidates to advance to the General Election. The ballot requested will officially change your voter registration to that political party, if applicable. This applies to registered No Party voters if you choose to vote in the Primary Election as well.

ABSENTEE VOTE IN-PERSON – Deadline is June 1st @ 5:00 P.M.

Courthouse access is limited by appointment to conform with social distancing. Please call the Auditor’s Office at 641-622-2320 to schedule a time. Voting will be held Monday - Friday in the secluded area of the West Courthouse Entrance during the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Voters are encouraged to have the absentee ballot request form filled out prior to arrival. A public health screening will be held prior to voting that involves taking temperature and answering symptom/exposure related questions. We will be open Saturday, May 30th from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. for voting in the West entrance only.

CURBSIDE VOTING -

We ask that only voters who need curbside assistance use this service. Please call the Auditor’s Office in advance or upon arrival at 641-622-2320 for assistance. Voters are encouraged to have the absentee ballot request form filled out prior to arrival. The number to call for assistance on Election Day will be printed on the curbside sign in front of the high school.

ELECTION DAY / VOTE IN-PERSON – June 2nd from 7:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M.

ALL Keokuk County Voters will be voting at the Sigourney High School Gym – 907 E. Pleasant Valley - Sigourney, Iowa on Election Day. Precincts/Polling Locations have been combined for the Primary Election with all voting to be held at a single location, the Sigourney High School gym, due to COVID-19. A public health screening will be held prior to voting that involves taking temperature and answering symptom/exposure related questions.

For more information about the June 2nd Primary Election, contact the Keokuk County Auditor’s Office at 641-622-2320 or visit VoterReady.iowa.gov.