

Special Notice to Absentee Voters

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Ohio Secretary of State 

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In Person

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For specific voting hours, please visit:

www.MyOhioVote.com/VotingHours.html.

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- If you use a postage label purchased at a USPS customer service window or vending machine, the date on the label is the postmark. This is the USPS recommended way to postmark your ballot.
- If you use postage stamps, ask that it be postmarked.

- ▶ You should not use a postage meter or an online service (such as stamps.com) to affix postage.
- ▶ It is your responsibility to make sure the ballot has enough postage.
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