



## Who Can Vote Absentee?

**An absentee vote is a vote cast by a person who, because of absence from their voting district, illness, or the like, has been permitted to vote other than by voting at the polls on Election Day. There are two ways to vote absentee in Mississippi: in person and by mail.**

You can vote **absentee by mail or in person** if you are a Mississippi citizen and a registered voter and:

- **you temporarily reside outside the county**, including
  - persons enlisted or commissioned in the US Armed Forces or their spouse or dependent;
  - members of the Merchant Marines or American Red Cross or their spouse or dependent;
  - civilians serving outside the country with the US Armed Forces, Merchant Marine or Red Cross or their dependent;
  - persons temporarily residing out of the country;
  - students, teachers or administrators at a school/college temporarily residing outside their county of residence due to school or work or their spouse or dependent;
  - members of the congressional delegation or their spouse or dependent
- **you are sixty-five (65) years old or older**
- **you are temporarily or permanently physically disabled.** This year the temporary physical disability category includes persons who are under a “physician-imposed quarantine” due to COVID-19 or are caring for a dependent under a “physician-imposed quarantine” due to COVID-19
- **you are the parent, spouse, or dependent caring for someone with a temporary or permanent physical disability who is hospitalized outside their county of residence or** more than fifty (50) miles from their home, if you will be with the hospitalized person on election day

Persons voting by mail can request a ballot application starting on **September 4, 2020**. Absentee votes cast by mail must be postmarked by Election Day, November 3, 2020, and received within five business days.

Certain categories of absentee voters are not eligible to vote by mail and must vote in person if they vote absentee. You are eligible to vote **absentee in person** only if you are a registered voter and:

- **you are a disabled war veteran admitted to a hospital or their spouse or dependent**
- **you will be outside your county on Election Day for any reason (e.g., vacation)**
- **you must work on Election Day during the times at which the polls are open**

Absentee voting in person begins on **September 21, 2020**, and ends on **October 31, 2020**, at 5:00 pm. Call the voter protection hotline at **855-443-3020** or your circuit clerk's office with any questions.

**MSDP Voter Protection Hotline**

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