



# Plymouth County Auditor

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## MEDIA RELEASE

### ABSENTEE VOTING INFORMATION FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION ON 11/3/2020 AND ALL REGULAR VOTING LOCATIONS WILL BE OPEN IN PLYMOUTH COUNTY ON ELECTION DAY

The Plymouth County Auditor's Office is accepting absentee ballot request/application forms for the General Election that is being held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. These forms must contain an original signature; the Auditor cannot accept scanned, imaged, emailed or faxed forms. Forms may be dropped off at the Plymouth County Auditor's Office or mailed to 215 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE, Le Mars, IA 51031.

All registered voters in Iowa should receive a blank official absentee ballot request form in the mail from the State of Iowa by the beginning of September 2020. If voters choose to use this form to request an absentee ballot via the USPS mail, the forms need to be completed properly which includes the voter providing their correct name, address, date of birth, driver's license number (or a PIN number if a voter does not have a driver's license), signature and date of the signature. It is imperative the absentee ballot request form be fully complete in order for the Auditor's office to verify the information to the voter's registration records in the State of Iowa voter registration system which will avoid delays in processing the absentee ballot request application. The last day the Auditor can mail an absentee ballot to a voter for the General Election is Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Voters need to have the absentee ballot request form to the Auditor on or before Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 5 pm; or a ballot cannot be mailed to the voter after that deadline. Absentee ballots issued to a voter by mail need to be returned to the Auditor with a postmarked of Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> or prior in order to count. Ballots can also be dropped off in-person to the Auditor's Office only, up until 9 pm on election day.

Per the Code of Iowa, the first day a General Election ballot can be mailed from the Auditors' office to those who request to vote via an absentee ballot, is **Monday, October 5, 2020**. In person absentee voting in the Courthouse/Auditor's office will also begin **on Monday, October 5, 2020 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm**. The last day to vote an absentee ballot in person in the Plymouth County Auditor's Office is Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 at 5:00 pm.

**All of the regular 13 voting locations will be open on Election Day in Plymouth County from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm. Voters can vote in their regular voting location on Election Day, but due to COVID-19, masks are recommended to be worn, but are not required. Social distancing will be required at the voting precinct locations.**

If you have any election or voting questions, please feel free to contact the Plymouth County Auditor's Office at 712-546-6100, any time from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Continued voting and election information will be provided in the next two months prior to the General Election via local media outlets.

Stacey Feldman is the Plymouth County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections.