

Absentee Ballot Update: How to Use Paper Privacy Sleeve

Voters who have requested an absentee ballot by mail will receive a package with four things inside:

1. Absentee Ballot
2. Instructions for filling out and returning the ballot
3. paper privacy sleeve
4. Return envelope

Due to the number of Absentee Ballots requested statewide, the Georgia Secretary of State's Office is including a folded, white piece of paper labelled "Official Absentee Ballot" instead of an inner envelope as used in previous Absentee Ballot packages. This is a privacy sleeve intended to allow for quicker and secure processing of ballots due to staff not having to open two separate envelopes for every mailed ballot.

Although the instructions in the Absentee Ballot package may mention an envelope, reference to the envelope was an error. Voters should instead use the paper privacy sleeve.

Instructions for voters using Absentee Ballot by Mail:

- Select voting choices on the Absentee Ballot.
- Fold the ballot and place it inside the paper privacy sleeve.
- Place the paper privacy sleeve with the ballot inside into the outer return envelope and sign the oath located on the flap of the outer envelope.
- Return the completed outer return envelope with ballot inside (in privacy sleeve) to the main office of the Board of Elections and Registration located at 100 Main Street, Hinesville, Georgia 31313, no later than 7:00 p.m. on June 9, 2020, either by mail, in person, or by using the secure drop box located on the grounds of the Board of Election's main office at the above address (Old Courthouse, Bradwell Park side).

Voters are also welcome to vote in-person during the early voting period or on election day so long as your mail-in absentee ballot has not been voted (i.e. received and certified by the Board). Early (in-person) voting will be conducted (i) weekdays beginning Monday, May 18, 2020 through Friday, June 5, 2020, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.; and (ii) Saturday, May 30, 2020, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., at both offices of the Liberty County Board of Elections and Registration, located at 100 Main Street, Old Liberty County Courthouse, Hinesville, Georgia 31313, and 9397 E. Oglethorpe Hwy., Liberty County Community Complex, Midway, Georgia 31320. The Board has implemented measures at all polling places intended to ensure a safe voting experience. While not required, in-person voters are requested to wear a face cloth.

For more information, please call 912-876-3310.