**Absentee Voting**

**What is absentee voting and how does it work?**
- Absentee voting allows you to cast your ballot without having to go to your polling place on Election Day.
- Any registered voter may cast an absentee ballot.
- You do not need to have a specific reason for requesting an absentee ballot.

**How do I get an absentee ballot?**
- Request a ballot online at https://apps.web.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl.
- You may call your town or city clerk to request a ballot and they will mail one to you.
- Visit https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/munic.html to learn how to contact your city or town clerk.

**Do I need to apply for an absentee ballot for each election?**
- Yes, you must apply for an absentee ballot for each election in which you want to vote absentee.

**When can I request an absentee ballot?**
- You may apply for an absentee ballot as early as three months before Election Day.
- For the November 2022 election, absentee ballots will be available beginning **Monday, August 8, 2022**.

**What is in-person absentee voting?**
- This is when you cast an absentee ballot at your town clerk’s office anytime prior to Election Day.
WHAT IS THE DEADLINE TO REQUEST AN 
ABSENTEE BALLOT?
☆ For the 2022 General Election, the deadline to 
request an absentee ballot is 5 pm on 
Thursday, November 3, 2022.
☆ However, there is an exception to this deadline 
for people who have special circumstances, 
which include having a physical disability, or 
where you are unable to leave home or a 
treatment facility due to incapacity or illness.

IS THERE ANOTHER WAY TO RECEIVE AN 
ABSENTEE BALLOT?
☆ You may make a written request for a third 
person (someone other than you or an 
immediate family member) to obtain and hand-
deliver an absentee ballot.
☆ To learn more about special circumstances 
voting and how to request a third person 
absentee ballot, visit https://drme.org/voting.

WHAT IS THE DEADLINE FOR RETURNING MY 
ABSENTEE BALLOT?
☆ Absentee ballots must be received by your 
town or city clerk by 8 pm on Election Day.
Tip: Make sure to request an absentee ballot 
early enough so you have time to return it to 
your town or city clerk by the deadline.