

2020 NOVEMBER ELECTION INFORMATION

November Elections are right around the corner, and there is some important information that Berlin residents should understand.

Considering the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Phil Murphy signed P.L. 2020, c. 72, which makes significant changes to how the 2020 General Election is being conducted.

The election will be conducted mostly by Vote by Mail Ballot. Each registered voter should be sent this ballot automatically by October 5. If you do not receive your ballot by October 12, you can request a replacement by submitting it. The form can be accessed through this URL:

<https://www.camdencounty.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Replacement-Ballot-Form.pdf>

There will be limited in-person polling places where voters who did not receive a Vote by Mail Ballot can cast their vote by paper Provisional Ballots. There will not be any machine voting. There will be an ADA accessible ballot marking device available for voters who cannot vote via paper ballot. No Sample Ballots will be sent, but a card listing your polling place will be sent before the election to each registered voter. Polling Districts 1, 2, and 5 will be at the Borough Hall. Polling Districts 3 and 4 will be at the Community Center. There will not be any polling at the Fire House.

To return your ballots, there are 13 secure drop boxes located throughout Camden County in which you can drop off your vote. Drop boxes are open 24 hours a day in well-lit locations and are under video surveillance. The drop boxes are available until the close of polls, 8:00 pm, on November 3, 2020. **The closest drop box is at the Berlin Township Municipal Building, 135 Route 73, West Berlin, in the back of the building.**

The ballots are also postage paid to be returned to any U.S. Post Office or placed in a USPS mailbox. If it is close to the election, it is recommended that you ask the Post Office to hand cancel the envelope to ensure it has a readable postmark. **Ballots postmarked on or before Election Day will be counted if received by November 10, 2020.**

Ballots can be dropped off at the voter's assigned polling location during polling hours. The voter must sign the poll book before depositing the ballot in the sealed ballot box, and a voter can only return their ballot; the voter cannot be the bearer of anyone else's ballot. They can also be dropped at: Camden County Board of Elections, 100 University Ct., Blackwood, NJ 08012. Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm and on Election Day from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm.

If received timely, all ballots will be counted and included in the final results. As in every election, the Vote by Mail ballots will be counted first during Election Day. Because the Provisional ballots require verification to prevent casting multiple votes, they must get counted last.

The State Division of Elections now has on its website a place to register to vote, update your registration, track your mail-in ballot, and find your polling location. <https://nj.gov/state/elections/vote.shtml>