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Secretary of the Commonwealth Reminds Pennsylvania Voters of On-Demand Mail Ballot Voting Option for Midterm Election

For more information about this voting option, visit vote.pa.gov.

Harrisburg, PA – Secretary of the Commonwealth Al Schmidt discussed [on-demand mail ballot voting](#) today at his sixth weekly virtual media briefing before the Nov. 3 election.

“Pennsylvania voters have the option of going in person to their [county elections office](#), applying for a mail ballot, receiving it, filling it out, and returning it all in one visit,” **Sec. Schmidt** said. “This option is available until Oct. 27, which is also the deadline to apply for a mail ballot.”

Voters should check with their [county elections office](#) for hours when this option is available.

“Mail ballot voters also can fill out their ballot at home and mail it or hand-deliver it to their [county elections office](#) or a drop box designated by their county,” **Sec. Schmidt** added.

County election offices must receive completed mail ballots by 8 p.m. Election Day for them to count.

As of this morning, about 1,134,000 mail ballot applications have been approved by county elections offices, and about 30% of mail ballots have been returned to counties. About 7,300 ballots have been requested through the on-demand mail ballot voting process.

For information about [voting in person at the polls](#) on Election Day, visit vote.pa.gov.

Sec. Schmidt also noted that the deadline to [register to vote](#) in Pennsylvania in the Nov. 3 election is Oct. 19, in just five days. Eligible Pennsylvanians can [register online](#) at vote.pa.gov or at their [county elections office](#).

Anyone already registered can [check or update their registration](#) at vote.pa.gov. It's the best and most secure site to verify a Pennsylvania voter registration.

The Department's voter information website, vote.pa.gov, is available in English, Spanish, and Chinese and offers a [polling place locator](#) and contact information for [county elections offices](#). It also includes tips for [first-time voters](#), [mail-in and absentee voters](#), [elderly and disabled voters](#), and [members of the military](#).

Members of the public can access [weekly voter registration statistics](#), [historical election data](#), [annual voter registration reports](#), [election directives and guidance](#), and other election administration resources on the Department of State's website. To learn more about annual voter list maintenance, visit the Department's [Fact-Checking Pennsylvania-Related Election Claims page](#).

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