

General Registrars,

The Department of Elections is adding information to the Citizen Portal to help guide voters through the absentee application process. In order to ensure that voters are selecting the correct application, this information is designed to more accurately direct voters who want to use “2A – My disability or illness” due to COVID-19. Please see the screenshots below. They will be live on the Citizen Portal soon. Please note the only changes will be the header titled “Social Distancing”; choices will not be populated as shown below.



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DEPARTMENT of ELECTIONS

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Absentee

Social Distancing

If you wish to avoid going to the polls on election day due to **COVID-19**, choose the first option. The second option requires medical approval and a mailed application.

Choose an Absentee Option

- I have a reason or condition that prevents me from going to the polls on Election Day.
- I am unable to go in person to the polls on election day because of my disability or illness and am likely to remain disabled or ill for the rest of the calendar year.
- I do not need to vote absentee.

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If you wish to avoid going to the polls on election day due to **COVID-19**, choose the **My disability or illness** option.

Choose an Election*

- 2020 November General

Choose an Absentee Ballot Reason*

- Student attending college or university outside of locality of residence in Virginia
- Spouse of student attending college or university outside locality of residence in Virginia
- Business outside County/City of residence on election day
- Personal business or vacation outside County/City of residence on election day
- I am working and commuting to/from home for 11 or more hours between 6:00 AM and 7:00 PM on election day
- I am a first responder (member of law enforcement, fire fighter, emergency technician, search and rescue)
- My disability or illness
- I am primarily and personally responsible for the care of a disabled/ill family member confined at home
- My pregnancy
- Confined, awaiting trial
- Confined, convicted of a misdemeanor
- An electoral board member, registrar, officer of election, or custodian of voting equipment
- I have a religious obligation
- Active Duty Merchant Marine or Armed Forces
- Spouse or dependent living with a member of active duty Merchant Marine or Armed Forces
- Temporarily residing outside of US
- Temporarily residing outside of US for employment or spouse or dependent residing with employee
- Requesting a ballot for presidential and vice-presidential electors only (Ballots for other offices/issues will not be sent)
- Authorized representative of candidate or party serving inside the polling place
- Granted a protective order issued by or under the authority of a court of competent jurisdiction
- None of these apply, I do not qualify to vote absentee.