

Sample Instructions for Voting Absentee

- (1) Mark the oval above the name of your choice.
- (2) To vote for a candidate whose name is not printed on the ballot, print the name clearly in the box labeled “Write-in,” staying within the box.
- (3) Any mark or writing outside the spaces provided for voting may void the entire ballot.
- (4) To vote on a question or proposal, mark the oval below your choice.
- (5) You have a right to a replacement ballot. If you make a mistake or want to change your vote, call the Board of Elections at 607-687-8261 for instructions on how to obtain a new ballot.
- (6) The number of choices is listed for each contest. Do not mark the ballot for more candidates than allowed. If you do, your vote in that contest will not count.
- (7) To be counted, absentee ballots returned by mail must be postmarked by the day of the election and received by the County Board of Elections no later than 7 days after election day.
- (8) After marking the ballot, fold such ballot and enclose it in the envelope bearing the voter’s statement, sign your name, and seal the envelope.
- (9) Enclose the sealed envelope bearing the statement in the envelope addressed to the County Board of Elections and mail promptly.

Sample Instructions for Voting at Your Poll Site

- (1) Mark the oval above the name of your choice.
- (2) To vote for a candidate whose name is not printed on the ballot, print the name clearly in the box labeled “Write-in,” staying within the box.
- (3) Any mark or writing, outside the spaces provided for voting, may void the entire ballot.
- (4) To vote on a question or proposal, mark the oval below your choice.
- (5) The number of choices is listed for each contest. Do not mark the ballot for more candidates than allowed. If you do, your vote in that contest will not count.
- (6) If you make a mistake, or want to change your vote, ask a poll worker for a new ballot.
- (7) After completing your ballot, insert it into the ballot scanner and wait for the notice that your ballot has been successfully scanned. If no such notice appears, seek the assistance of an election inspector.