

Three Ways to Vote

1. Absentee-by-mail
(ballot is mailed)

2. One-Stop Early Voting
(you can vote at any one-stop site)

3. Election Day
(vote at your assigned precinct)

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY!
EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT
TO VOTE!

“Voters will not be required to show photo ID for the March 3, 2020 primary election. In a December 31 order, a federal district court blocked North Carolina’s voter photo ID requirement from taking effect. The injunction will remain in place until further order of the court.”



Craven County Board of Elections

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Important Dates 2020

Absentee-by-Mail Voting Begins:

Monday, January 13 , 2020

Voter Registration Deadline:

Friday, February 7, 2020

One-stop Voting Begins:

Thursday, February 13, 2020 8:00 am

Last Day to Request an Absentee Ballot by
Mail: **Tuesday, February 25, 2020 5:00 pm**

One-stop Voting Ends:

Saturday, February 29, 2020 3:00 pm

Last Day to Return an Absentee Ballot by Mail:
Tuesday, March 3, 2020 5:00 pm

Primary Election Day:

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Polls open 6:30am-7:30 pm

County Canvass:

Friday, March 13, 2020 11:00 am



One-Stop Voting Locations/Times

Thurs. Feb. 13 through Sat. Feb. 29

Weekdays 8 am– 7:30 pm

Sunday, Feb. 16 1– 5:00 pm

Saturday, Feb. 22, Feb. 29 8 am– 3 pm

LOCATIONS

Board of Elections 406 Craven St, 28560

Cove City Fire Dept. 425 S Main St. 28523

**Vanceboro Fire Dept. 375 NC Hwy 43
28586**

**Havelock-New Beginnings Ministry of Faith
30 Park Lane, Havelock, NC 28532**

Craven County



Board of Elections

Voting Guide PRIMARY 2020

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Monday-Friday

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Who can vote ?

Any person who is registered to vote in NC can vote an absentee-by-mail ballot or at a One-Stop voting site in their county before the day of the Election (this is known as Absentee Voting) or vote on Election Day.



Absentee-by-Mail:

Requesting a ballot by mail

If it is more convenient for you to vote by mail, you may request an absentee ballot by mail by filling out the **required State Absentee Request form** which is found on our webpage, in our office, or the office can mail you one. Request forms have to be requested and signed by the voter or a near relative can request for the voter. **Note:** *A Power of Attorney is not allowed to sign for a voter or request for a voter.* **The Request form can only be submitted to the CBOE by the voter or a near relative.** **THE FORM CANNOT BE SUBMITTED TO THE BOE BY EMAIL OR FAXED.**

NO GROUPS or NON-NEAR RELATED individuals can fill-out and/or submit absentee-by-mail requests for voters.

NOTE: A request form must be received for each election that a voter desires to vote an Absentee-by-mail ballot.

The last day an absentee-by-mail ballot request can be received and processed is **5:00 pm on the last Tuesday before the election. February 25, 2020.**

Once your request is received, it will be processed and your ballot will be mailed. The Board of Elections will begin mailing ballots 50 days prior to Election Day for Primaries and General Elections AND 30 days prior for municipal elections. It is in the best interest of the voter to submit a request form as early as possible.

Request on behalf of near relatives:

If you qualify as a "near relative", you may request an absentee ballot by mail on the voter's behalf. To qualify as a "near relative", you must have one of the following relationships:

- Spouse
- Sibling (brother or sister)
- Parent
- Grandparent/Grandchild
- Child
- Mother/Daughter-in-law or Father/Son-in-law
- Stepparent/Stepchild



You are required to identify the relationship in your request.

Absence for Sickness/Physical Disability: *A voter or voters' near relative or legal guardian may go in person to the Board of Elections after the Tuesday before the election, but not later than 5 pm the day before the election, because of a voters' sickness or other physical disability and make a request for an absentee ballot.*

Voting an absentee ballot

An absentee-by-mail ballot packet will include: Instructions, a paper ballot and a ballot return envelope. **It is very important for voters to fully read the provided instructions very carefully.** All the instructions need to be followed to ensure that each vote is to be counted.

VOTERS MUST SEAL & SIGN THEIR RETURNED BALLOT ENVELOPE AND HAVE ALL THE REQUIRED INFORMATION AND ALL WITNESS SIGNATURES COMPLETED FOR THE BALLOT TO BE COUNTED.

Note: POA's cannot sign for a voter-The Voter must make their own signature marks.

After marking the ballot, PLEASE place it in the return envelope and drop in the mail, with the proper postage, or you may personally deliver it to the Board of Election's office. **Ballots may only be DELIVERED to the CBOE in person by the voter or by a near relative of the voter or by mail.**

RETURN DEADLINE

The deadline for a voted absentee-by-mail ballot to be received by our office is 5 pm the day of the Election.

Ballots are timely if postmarked by Election Day and received by 5:00 pm the Friday after Election Day. **ALL mailed ballots must have a postmark to be considered for approval.**

Military/Overseas voters go to www.FVAP.gov for more information on voting Absentee.

One-Stop Absentee Voting

One-Stop Absentee voting (Early Voting) is available beginning the 3rd Thursday before and ending at 3 pm on the last Saturday before Election Day. Times are determined by the Board of Elections and approved by the State Board of Elections before each election. Voters must state their name and residence address (& party if primary) to be able to vote.

Election Day Voting

Any registered voter in the County can vote on Election Day **at their assigned precinct** (polling place) between the hours of 6:30 am until 7:30 pm. By law must have lived in the precinct area for 30 days or more to be able to vote in that precinct. **Voters must state their name, residence address (and party if a primary) to be able to vote.**

SAMPLE BALLOTS

Available 50 days prior to an Election Day for primaries and general elections and *30 days prior to municipal elections.* Found on web page and copies available in the Craven Co. Bd of Elections office after ballots have been received.



Ballots are voter specific and are based on the voter's residence address and the proper jurisdictions a voter is eligible to vote in.