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AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM

Bergen County Clerk, John S. Hogan
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What Bergen County Voters Need to Know About the

NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION

On August 14, 2020, Governor Murphy signed Executive Order No 177, which requires the Office of the Bergen County Clerk to mail a VOTE-BY-MAIL ballot for the November 3, 2020 election to every active registered voter within our county.

Governor Murphy's Executive Order aims to ensure that voters preserve their Constitutional right to vote while upholding the priority of public health during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

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HERE IS WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THIS UNPRECEDENTED ELECTION

- Ballots will be mailed to voters by Monday, October 5, 2020
- There are **three ways** you can cast your VOTE-BY-MAIL ballot:

  OPTION 1:
  Complete and return your ballot by MAIL in the postage-paid envelope provided. Ballots postmarked by November 3rd may be received by the Board of Elections by November 10th at 8 pm and still will be counted. All ballot packages contain peel-and-seal, first-class postage-paid envelopes OR

  OPTION 2:
  DROP your completed ballot at one of the Secure Ballot Drop Boxes, located throughout Bergen County, by 8 pm on November 3rd *(Please visit bergencountyclerk.org for Drop Box locations)* OR

  OPTION 3:
  BRING your completed ballot to your polling location on November 3rd by 8 pm.
- Voters whose ballots are rejected for "a missing or discrepant signature" will be notified and given the opportunity to CURE the signature defect "in accordance with the procedures established by the Secretary of State,"
- There will be a limited number of polling places open on Election Day with **voting machines exclusively for blind and disabled voters** who need the ADA compliant features.
- Voters who choose not to complete their VOTE-BY-MAIL ballot and wish to vote in – person will be provided with a provisional (paper) ballot. (Per the Governor's order, **ADA ACCESSIBLE VOTING MACHINES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR DISABLED VOTERS ONLY.**)
- SAMPLE BALLOTS will NOT be mailed-out for this election. Instead, every registered voter will receive a POSTCARD WITH THEIR POLLING LOCATION. SAMPLE BALLOTS WILL BE POSTED FOR VIEWING at bergencountyclerk.org and available at the Clerk's office for any voter who requests one.
- THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 General Election is OCTOBER 13, 2020. For voter registration information visit njelections.org
- njelections.org has a site, "TRACK YOUR BALLOT" which permits voters to see if their ballot has been received by the Board of Elections

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT, please contact the BERGEN COUNTY CLERK'S ELECTIONS DIVISION at electionsclerk@co.bergen.nj.us OR (201) 336-7020

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR POLLING PLACE, OR LOCATIONS OF SECURE DROP BOXES, please contact the BERGEN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS at elections@co.bergen.nj.us OR (201) 336-6230

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT VOTER REGISTRATION, OR TO REPORT A POTENTIAL ELECTION VIOLATION, please contact the OFFICE OF THE BERGEN COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF ELECTIONS AT soe@co.bergen.nj.us OR (201) 336-6100

TO TRACK YOUR VOTE-BY-MAIL Ballot, LOCATE YOUR POLL LOCATION or SECURE BALLOT DROP BOXES, or CHECK THE STATUS OF YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION, please contact njelections.org