

Town of Effingham  
Moderator's Rules for 2020  
State Primary Election (September 8)  
and General Election (November 3)

Dear Effingham Friends,

Your Moderator and all Effingham poll workers are committed to conducting a safe and fair election in a manner that guarantees voters' rights and protects public health during this coronavirus state of emergency. We ask your cooperation in practicing safety – wear a mask, use hand sanitizer, stay at least 6 feet distant, use the disposable pencils provided ... and please, if at all possible, use the absentee voting process. The more people who do, the safer we all will be!

Susan Slack, Moderator

**Face masks/face coverings are required to be worn for entrance to the school building**

All voters, election officials, ballot clerks, observers, challengers, and others must wear a face mask or face covering in order to enter the building

Face masks will be available for distribution to voters who don't have one

**No voter will be turned away from voting for declining to wear a mask**

An **alternative voting location** will be provided on the lawn outside the main entrance of the school building. It will be set up to mirror the inside voting location. Voters who decline to wear a face mask or face covering will be given a ballot for use within this outside voting location.

**Voters with disabilities will be accommodated on Election Day**

Voters who have a disability that prevents them from accessing the polling place may have an absentee ballot brought to their vehicle by the Town Clerk or clerk's assistant on Election Day

During the coronavirus state of emergency, a disability may include concerns about the coronavirus (RSA 659:20-a)

**Election Day voter registration will be available**

Those seeking to register to vote on Election Day may do so. Those who cannot or decline to wear a face mask or face covering will be accommodated in the alternative voting location outside the school building

**Absentee ballots may be delivered to the elementary school by 5 pm on Election Day**

Voters who haven't mailed their completed absentee ballot or delivered it to the Town Clerk before Election Day may deliver it to an outside location at the elementary school on Election Day

A voter who is unable to bring his/her own absentee ballot may have a family member deliver it. The family member must sign an affidavit form

Voters residing in a nursing home or residential care facility may have their absentee ballot delivered by the nursing home or residential care facility administrator or administrator's designee, who must sign an affidavit

**Absentee ballots delivered after 5 pm on Election Day will not be accepted**

But the voter may still vote in person until 7 pm either inside the building wearing a mask, or at the outside voting location

**Absentee ballots may be requested and returned to the Town Clerk's Office on the Monday before Election Day 3-5 pm**

The Town Clerk's Office is at the Municipal Building, 68 School Street