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Press Release

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Elkhart County Clerk Reminds Residents of Absentee Voting Options for 2022 Primary Election.

Goshen, IN – Elkhart County Clerk of the Circuit Court, Christopher Anderson, would like to remind Elkhart County voters that although the 2022 Primary Election will be held on May 3, 2022, there are multiple options for those who would like to vote absentee before Election Day.

No-excuse in-person absentee voting will begin on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. Voters should watch the newspaper for an official announcement including all details for in-person absentee voting. The Election Board will also be mailing a post-card to every residential address in Elkhart County in the next several weeks with details about voting absentee in person.

Voters can also vote absentee by mail, if they qualify. Qualifying reasons to vote absentee by mail are:

- Expecting to be out of town on Election Day;
- Expecting to be confined on Election Day due to illness or injury;
- Expecting to be caring for a confined person on Election Day;
- If a person is a voter with disabilities;*
- If a voter is at least 65 years of age;
- If a voter will have official election duties outside their voting precinct;
- If a voter is scheduled to work the entire 12 hours the polls are open on Election Day;
- If a voter is unable to vote on Election Day due to observance of a religious discipline or religious holiday the entire 12 hours the polls are open;
- If a voter is a member of the military or is a public safety officer.

*An absentee voter who is unable to mark their own ballot or sign the ballot security envelope MUST vote by travel board.

The deadline for the Election Board to receive an application to vote absentee by mail is Thursday, April 21, 2022 by 11:59 p.m. Applications are accepted by mail, by fax to (574) 535-6471, by email to elkhartcoabsentee@elkhartcounty.com, or by hand-delivery to the Election Board, 101 N. Main, Room 204, Goshen.

In addition to in-person absentee voting and absentee by mail, a voter is qualified to vote by traveling absentee voter board if they are confined, ill or have been injured; if they are caring for a confined person, or if they are a voter with disabilities and believe the polling places available to them on Election Day are not accessible. To vote absentee by traveling board, a voter can contact the Election Board at (574) 535-6469 to request an absentee travel board ballot application. The deadline for the Election Board to receive the application is Monday, May 2, 2022, by 12:00 Noon, but can be submitted at any earlier time. Remember, the earlier the application is received, the more successful the process will be.

Once the application is received and approved, the Election Board will make contact with the voter to schedule a date and time that a bi-partisan absentee travel board can visit the voter to assist them with casting their ballot. Absentee voting by traveling board begins on Thursday, April 14, 2022.

Voters can view the candidates that will be on their ballot by providing basic information at <https://indianavoters.in.gov/> or <https://clerk.elkhartcounty.com/en/candidates/about-candidates/list-candidates/>. The Election Board can also mail a sample ballot to a voter upon request. Please call (574) 535-6469 during office hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Mondays, and 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.)

All Hoosier voters are strongly encouraged to make sure their voter registration information is accurate and up to date, ensuring their voice will be heard on Election Day. Questions may be directed to the Elkhart County Voter Registration Office at 535-6775, 535-6774, the County Clerk's Office at 535-6469, or the Hoosier Voter Hotline at 866-IN-1-VOTE.

The Elkhart County Election Board would also like to remind all currently registered Elkhart County voters to be looking for post-card reminders regarding the voter registration deadline, absentee voting options, and vote center locations for voting on Election Day.

Remember, the Elkhart County Election Board is always available to assist voters. Please contact us if you have questions about registering to vote, voting absentee, or voting at one of our Vote Centers on Election Day.

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