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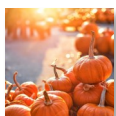
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General Election Information

How do I register to vote?

You have 4 option to register to vote. You can register:

- Online

<https://www.votespa.com/Register-to-Vote/Pages/How-to-Register-to-Vote.aspx#online>

- By mail

<https://www.votespa.com/Register-to-Vote/Pages/How-to-Register-to-Vote.aspx#mail>

- In person at your county voter registration office

<https://www.votespa.com/Resources/Pages/Contact-Your-Election-Officials.aspx>

- At PennDOT and some other government agencies.

<https://www.votespa.com/Register-to-Vote/Pages/How-to-Register-to-Vote.aspx#PennDOT>

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

When is the deadline to register to vote in the November 3rd presidential election?

October 19, 2020, is the last day to register for the November 3 presidential election.

If you're mailing a signed voter registration application, it must be received by your county election office 15 days before an election. Applications postmarked by the deadline are no longer accepted.

How do I check my voter registration status?

- Check your registration status using your name, your PennDOT Driver's License, or PennDOT ID. <https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/voterregistrationstatus.aspx>

How do I apply for a mail-in ballot?

- Registered voters can apply to vote by mail-in ballot in an election with a valid PA driver's license or photo I.D. from the PA Department of Transportation (PennDot).
- **Online:** <https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/OnlineAbsenteeApplication/#/OnlineAbsenteeBegin>
- **By Mail:** Beginning 50 days before an election, voters can download a mail-in ballot application form votespa.com. Print, complete, sign, and deliver or mail the application to your county election office. https://www.votespa.com/Register-to-Vote/Documents/PADOS_MailInApplication.pdf
- **In-Person:** Beginning 50 days before an election, voters can stop by a county election office to apply in person. If the county's ballot is finalized and available, you may request and promptly receive your mail-in ballot. Find a county election office near <https://www.votespa.com/Resources/Pages/Contact-Your-Election-Officials.aspx>

What is the deadline to apply?

The deadline for your county to receive your application for a mail-in ballot is before 5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before the election.

How do I apply for an Absentee Ballot?

If you plan to be out of the municipality on Election Day or if you have a disability or illness, you can apply to vote by an absentee ballot.

If you are a member of the military, an overseas voter, or in need of an emergency absentee ballot, visit Voting by Absentee Ballot to learn about other ways to request an absentee ballot. <https://www.votespa.com/Votingin-PA/Pages/Military-and-Overseas-Voters.aspx>

Online Application: Registered voters can apply for an absentee ballot online with a valid PA driver's license or photo I.D. from the PA Department of Transportation (PennDot). <https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/OnlineAbsenteeApplication/#/OnlineAbsenteeBegin>

By Mail: Download an absentee ballot application form at votespa.com/absentee . Print, complete, sign, and deliver or mail the application to your county election office.

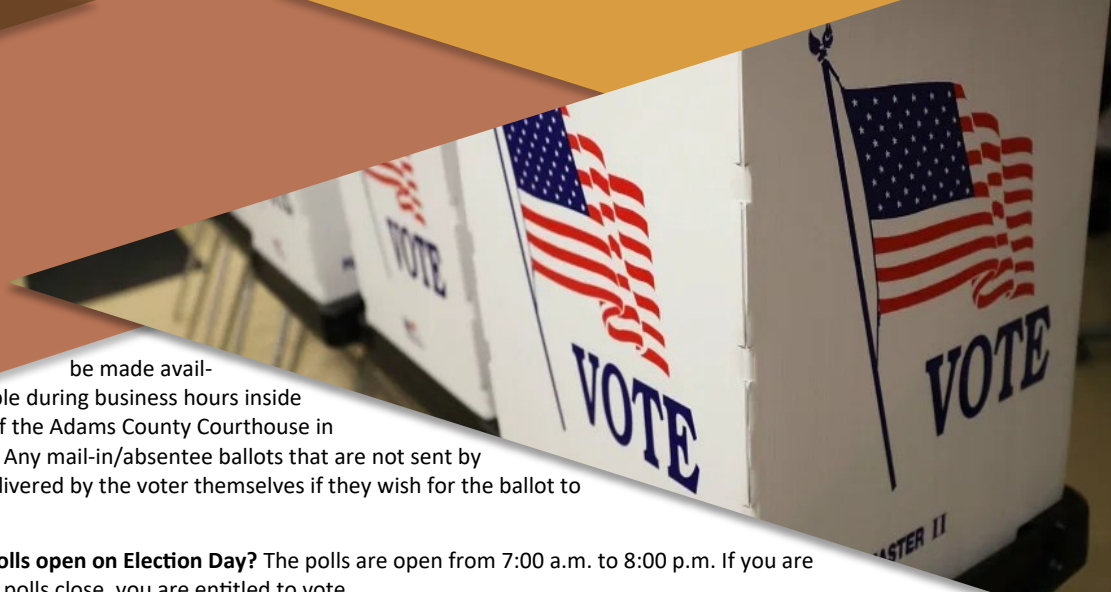
<https://www.votespa.com/Voting-in-PA/Pages/Mail-and-Absentee-Ballot.aspx>

In-Person: Stop by your county election office to apply in person. Find a county election office near you. <https://www.votespa.com/Resources/Pages/Contact-Your-Election-Officials.aspx>

When is the deadline to apply for an absentee ballot? Your county election office must receive your application for absentee ballot no later than 5 p.m. on the Tuesday before the election.

If you are in an emergency situation, such as an unexpected illness or disability that prevented you from submitting your absentee application on time, were unable to apply for an absentee ballot due to business or work, or became ill or physically disabled that prevented you from going to your polling place on election day, you can submit an emergency application for an absentee ballot. <https://www.votespa.com/Voting-in-PA/Pages/Mail-and-Absentee-Ballot.aspx#emergency%20absentee>

Will there be a drop box for ballots in Adams County? A single ballot drop box for mail-in/ absentee ballots will



be made available during business hours inside the lobby of the Adams County Courthouse in Gettysburg, PA. Any mail-in/absentee ballots that are not sent by mail must be delivered by the voter themselves if they wish for the ballot to be counted.

When are the polls open on Election Day? The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. If you are in line when the polls close, you are entitled to vote.

How do I find my polling location? This polling place search tool will help you locate a polling place for Election day. <https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/PollingPlaceInfo.aspx>

Do I need any identification (ID) to vote? If you have voted at your polling location before, you do not need to bring ID to vote. Only voters who are voting for the first time in their election district need to show ID. Acceptable ID includes both photo and non-photo ID.

Acceptable IDs for first-time voters: Driver's license; U.S. passport; Military, student, or employee ID; Voter registration card; Firearm permit; Current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck or government check; Any ID issued by the commonwealth or federal government

Note: An ID without your photo must have your address on it.

Children and Youth Independent Living Program

For the past 15 years Adams County Independent Living youth, along with family members, community supports, attorneys, County Commissioners, the Juvenile Court Judge and Children and Youth Services (CYS) staff have come together to celebrate the resiliency, accomplishments, and bright futures of youth in the Independent Living Program. The *"It's All About You"* Banquet was recently held on Thursday, August 17, 2020, to honor the accomplishments of the youth that are served by the Adams County Independent Living Program. I was honored to deliver some opening remarks from the Adams County Board of Commissioners.

The theme of this this year's banquet was on *resiliency*. Adams County Independent Living Program works with at-risk youth ages 14-21. Most youth are, or have been, in a foster care placement. Many of these youth have been victims of child abuse, witnessed domestic violence, have parents who suffer from mental illness or addiction and have had very little emphasis placed on planning for their own future before working with the Agency. These youth have overcome so many challenges and obstacles in their life and so many of them have risen above it, which is no easy feat. They want their futures to be better than their past and they are willing to work very hard to meet their goals. This banquet celebrates those achievements. This year's banquet was held virtually due to CDC guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic. Independent Living Staff worked tirelessly to ensure that the youth had a great evening and felt celebrated and appreciated. The Independent Living staff delivered the meals to the youth's homes so that they could still eat together like we normally do. The youth and staff cheered one another on, and it was clear that some of them have built a support system in one another. It will be exciting to see these young adults grow into productive members of our community and see what new accomplishments await them.

I would also like to recognize that last week was *Child Welfare Professionals Appreciation* week. Children and Youth staff risk their personal safety and are exposed to traumatic and overwhelming crisis situations every day. During this pandemic that fact has been magnified and truer than ever. They are still working with families while wearing personal protective equipment and ensuring that the youngest and most vulnerable members of our county are safe. They are involved in making critical decisions that affect children's and family's lives and futures. They handle it with an amazing level of professionalism, flexibility, and skill. The bond between families and their children is sacred and they work hard to ensure that families feel respected, heard and are part of the team. In addition to the time the staff are spending with families, there is quite a bit of paperwork that needs to be done to stay in compliance with the Commonwealth. CYS had their annual licensing inspection on 9/23/2020 and there were zero cites related to child safety concerns for the entire year. Our hats are off to Adams County CYS! Thank you for all that you do for our community!



FAIR Funding 2nd Cycle

Adams County Commissioners are opening a second application cycle for the CARES Act funding known locally as FAIR

What are the dates of the second application cycle?

- The second application cycle will open on Monday, September 28, 2020 and will extend until Friday, October 23, 2020

Who is eligible to apply for FAIR?

- Small businesses with less than 100 full-time employees,
- Tourism related businesses regardless of the number of employees,
- Behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment providers,
- Non-profit organizations 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19)
- Municipal governments


What are other eligibility requirements?

- Operations must be physically located in Adams County
- If an applicant is a service provider, in order to be eligible, only the costs for those services provided directly to residents of Adams County are eligible.
- CARES Act dictates these funds can only be utilized to cover costs that are directly related to the public COVID-19 health emergency
- While priority will be given to entities that have not received other COVID-19 related funding, entities that already received funding, such as the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), are still eligible to apply to this program for reimbursement for eligible activities.
- The expenditures must be incurred during the period beginning March 1, 2020 and ending December 30, 2020
- A list of eligible activities sorted by applicant type is available on the county website - <http://www.adamscounty.us/Dept/Planning/Pages/AIR.aspx>
- Payroll and lost revenue are not eligible for reimbursement through this program.

Where to apply? The application process is online - <http://www.adamscounty.us/Dept/Planning/Pages/AIR.aspx>. All applications and supporting documentation can and should be submitted online to streamline the process. All applicants to the program will have to ensure that they have not received other public funding for the same expenditures identified in this application.

What if I have questions? Please contact the Adams County Office of Planning and Development at 717-337-9824, Sherri Clayton-Williams, Director (sclayton@adamscounty.us) or Harlan Lawson, Economic Development Planner (helawson@adamscounty.us)

It's Almost Flu Season



Just because we have all been focused on COVID - doesn't mean that the normal flu has taken a hiatus. County staff may sign-up for your Flu shot on the ADP Portal. WellSpan will be onsite at the Courthouse on October 6th and at the Human Services Building on October 8th if enough staff sign up for the shot. Getting a flu vaccine is more important than ever during 2020-2021 to protect yourself, your family and your community from flu. A flu vaccine this season can also help reduce the burden on our healthcare systems responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and save medical resources for care of COVID-19 patients. September and October are prime months to get the flu vaccine. The more people vaccinated; the more people protected. Do your part. Get a flu vaccine this fall!

The End

There is no doubt that its beginning to look like Fall in Adams County. I came by a roadside stand yesterday in Littlestown and it was full of pumpkins, mums, apples and tomatoes. I am sad to see that my beautiful white hydrangeas have started to go brown; but our roses are beautiful and happier than they have ever been this season. We are back to cutting green grass - until the soon to be frost slows that process down again and means the end to many colorful flowers.

This weekend is the annual Civil War Relic Show at the Allstar Complex. This is the granddaddy of civil war relic shows with over 300 tables of relics. Admission is \$10 and the event is both Saturday & Sunday. Next Saturday & Sunday plan to get out to the Daniel Lady Farm for the WWII event *The Greatest Generation*. There will be WWII programs, skirmishes and vehicle displays. Admission is \$10. I again urge you to consciously support our local restaurants and produce stands during this very difficult time as they attempt to weather this pandemic.

No matter what you do get out there and experience all the historical, recreational, agricultural, natural and cultural opportunities that beautiful Adams County has to offer!