

## Three Ways to Vote

(Must be a registered voter in the county)

1. Absentee-by-mail  
(request ballot to be mailed by Oct. 27)
2. One-Stop Early Voting  
(you can vote at any one-stop site  
Oct. 15—Oct. 31)
3. Election Day Nov. 3, 2020

(vote at your assigned precinct)

**DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY!**  
**EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE!**  
**BE PREPARED BEFORE YOU VOTE.**



VOTERS NEED TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR  
KNOWING THE ELECTION LAWS, POLICIES &  
PROCEDURES IN THE  
STATES/COUNTIES/TOWNS ETC.  
IN WHICH THEY RESIDE.

for more information: [www.cravenvote.com](http://www.cravenvote.com)

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### Important Dates 2020

**Absentee-by-Mail Voting Begins:**

**Friday, September 4, 2020**

**Voter Registration Deadline:**

**Friday, October 9, 2020**

**One-stop Voting Begins:**

**Thursday, October 15, 2020 8:00 am**

**Last Day to Request an Absentee Ballot by Mail:** **Tuesday, October 27, 2020 5:00 pm**

**One-stop Voting Ends:**

**Saturday, October 31, 2020 3:00 pm**

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

**General Election Day:**

**Tuesday, November 3, 2020**

**Polls open 6:30am-7:30 pm**

**County Canvass:**

**Friday, November 13, 2020 11:00 am**



### **One-Stop Voting (Early-Voting)**

**Starts Thurs. Oct. 15   Ends Sat. Oct. 31**

**Weekdays   8 am— 7:30 pm**

**Sunday, Oct. 18   9:30 am— 7:30 pm**

**Saturday, Oct. 24   8 am— 7:30 pm**

**Saturday, Oct. 31   8 am—3 pm**

**Closed Sat. Oct. 17; Closed Sun. Oct. 25**

### **LOCATIONS**

**1 Board of Elections 406 Craven St, 28560**

**2 Cove City Fire Dept 425 S Main St. 28523**

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

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

**5 Berne Square 2684 ML King, Jr Blvd  
New Bern 28562**

**Craven County**



**Board of Elections**

## **Voting Guide GENERAL 2020**

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Office hours: 8:00 am—5:00 pm  
Monday-Friday

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[cravenboe@cravencountync.gov](mailto:cravenboe@cravencountync.gov)  
Web: [www.cravenvote.com](http://www.cravenvote.com)

### 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. If not registered by the deadline, can register/vote at One-Stop with proper documents.

### 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. **There is now an on-line portal with a link from [cravenvote.com](http://cravenvote.com) or [ncsbe.gov](http://ncsbe.gov).** 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 CAN BE SUBMITTED TO THE BOE BY EMAIL, FAX, MAIL OR IN-PERSON.**

**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. October 27, 2020.

### 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; paper ballot; ballot return envelope, **It is very important for voters to fully read the provided instructions carefully.** All instructions need to be followed to ensure each vote is 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. **VOTERS MUST SEAL & SIGN OR MAKE THEIR MARK ON THEIR RETURNED BALLOT ENVELOPE. ALL THE REQUIRED INFORMATION AND ONE WITNESS SIGNATURE MUST BE COMPLETED FOR THE BALLOT TO BE COUNTED.**

The ballot return envelope with the ballot and all required signatures can be dropped 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. Ballots delivered in-person will be required to be signed-in by the delivering person on a log.**

### 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, November 3, 2020.

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](http://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 to be able to vote. Schedule/locations on back of brochure.

**CURBSIDE VOTING: This is only for a voter due to disability or age may vote curbside if they are unable to walk into the voting enclosure without any assistance. An affidavit has to be signed by all voting curbside. Fear of COVID is not a legal reason to vote curbside.**

**THIS IS NOT A: DRIVE-THRU VOTING OR A DROP-OFF OR A PICK-UP LANE.**

**Election Day Voting:** Any registered voter in the County can vote on Election Day **at their assigned polling site precinct** between the hours of 6:30 am until 7:30 pm. By law voters 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 and residence address to be able to vote.**

**THERE WILL BE LINES DURING THE ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING PERIOD AND ON ELECTION DAY. PLEASE BE PATIENT. If you do not want to stand in line, properly request a ballot to be mailed to you.**

### SAMPLE BALLOTS

Available 50 days prior to an Election Day for general elections. Found on web page ([www.cravenvote.com](http://www.cravenvote.com)) and copies are 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 proper jurisdictions a voter is eligible to vote in.**

