Voting by Mail-In Absentee Ballot during the Pandemic

Many states are making it easier for citizens to vote by mail this year due to the coronavirus fears. Every state’s election rules are different. The US government provides a link to each state’s voting rules on https://www.usa.gov/election-office .

Missouri recently changed mail-in absentee voting rules for the 2020 August primary and November general elections. All Missouri voters will be eligible to cast ballots by mail as long as they have their ballot notarized. “Drive-thru” notary events are occurring in St Louis in the month of July for those whose ballots must be notarized. A completed ballot and photo identification are required. Times and locations are as follows:

- Schroeder Park 8 am – Noon, July 11
- Schroeder Park 8 am – Noon, July 25
- Grace United Methodist Church 6199 Waterman, 10 – 2; July 18
- Grace United Methodist Church 6199 Waterman, 10 – 2; July 25

Voters in at-risk categories for contracting or transmitting COVID-19 are eligible to vote by absentee ballot and are not required to have their ballot notarized. Use the link below to access a summary of when and how to vote by absentee ballot. Please Note: July 22, 2020 is the last day to request a Missouri absentee ballot by mail for the August election.

https://www.sos.mo.gov/CMSImages/ElectionGoVoteMissouri/Absentee-mailinBallotSummaries.pdf

Illinois registered voters may also vote by mail. Link to the following on how to apply for an Illinois vote by mail ballot.

https://www.elections.il.gov/ElectionOperations/VotingByMail.aspx?MID=ELGeUv9wLSI%3d&T=637292001760097111