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Cumberland County Election News: Mail-in & Absentee Ballot Materials Have a New Look

The Bureau of Elections Is Sending Out Mail-in & Absentee Ballots to County Voters Who Have Requested Them.

Carlisle, PA – Cumberland County residents who are voting by mail-in or absentee ballots will notice a change in the look of the envelopes. While the ballot remains the same, the colors of the mailing, return, and secrecy envelopes now have a pop of color. The included instructions are now green and full page in size. The Pennsylvania Department of State made the changes to the mail in and absentee ballot materials in Nov. 2023. This is the first election that these new envelopes will be used.

- **Official Ballot:** Residents who requested mail in or absentee ballot will receive an envelope with a dark blue stripe with the words “Official Ballot”. Inside they will find the ballot, instructions, the return envelope, and the secrecy envelope.
- **Official Election Ballot/Secrecy Envelope:** This envelope will have the words Official Election Ballot on a yellow background, with watermarks to reduce stray marks, and coloring to make it easier to tell the difference between the inner and outer envelopes.
- **Official Ballot Return Envelope:** The outer envelope with a purple stripe will have a pre-filled “20” at the beginning of the year field, so that voters write the current year, not their birth year.
- **Instructions:** The instructions are now green and full page in size with graphics and revised language directing voters how to pack and return mail-in and absentee ballots.

The Bureau of Elections began mailing the official ballots on Tuesday, April 2 to voters who requested mail-in or absentee ballots. To date, the Bureau of Elections has received 16,643 requests for mail-in or absentee ballots.

Pre-canvassing of the ballots begins on Election Day, Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 7 a.m. Canvassing of the remaining ballots begins at 8 p.m. until all are counted. The Cumberland County Bureau of Elections must receive voted mail-in or absentee ballots by Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 8 p.m. Postmarks will not be accepted.

Residents who voted by mail-in or absentee ballot can track the status of their ballots at <https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/BallotTracking.aspx>.

The Cumberland County Bureau of Elections is charged with running a fair, safe, accurate and secure election for our voters and residents. Visit the [Bureau of Elections](#) for all information regarding voter services. Residents can contact the Bureau of Elections at 717.240.6385 or 888.697.0371, ext. 6385, or at Bureauofelections@cumberlandcountypa.gov.

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