



League of Women Voters of Warren County, PA

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## VOTING BY MAIL IN WARREN COUNTY

The League of Women Voters of Warren County (LWVWC) just completed a study of voting by mail in Warren County. We learned that it takes an average of almost 3 days for envelopes mailed in Warren County to get to the Voter Registration Office (most mail took from 2 to 5 days, but one of our envelopes took 29 days). Mail that was sent after the last pick-up of the day or over a weekend took longer.

From early July through mid-August, LWVWC members mailed 159 envelopes the size of a mail-in ballot to the Voter Registration Office at the Warren County Courthouse. We sent multiple envelopes from every post office, mail slot, mailbox and some personal homes in Warren County.

The staff of the Voter Registration Office time stamps all of its mail as it comes in. We picked up the envelopes to tally their time from mailing to arrival at the Voter Registration Office. We also interviewed the director of elections and several US Post Office employees about the mail-in voting process.

Most Warren County mail goes through a mail center in Pittsburgh. **We strongly recommend that people mailing ballots –absentee or no-excuse --for the general election on November 5 send their ballots not later than October 30.** Mail-in voting has many advantages, especially for those with mobility limitations or who work or travel outside the area and won't be able to vote in person.

Voters in Warren County can cast their ballots in three ways. Voters can:

1. Vote on Election Day at their assigned Polling Place between 7 am and 8 pm.
2. Request a mail-in ballot, vote in advance and submit ballot by mail. Your ballot must be received at the Board of Elections by 8 pm on Election Day. Warren County does not have Ballot Drop Boxes.
3. Request a mail-in ballot, vote in advance and submit ballot by carrying it personally to the Board of Elections during business hours and prior to 8 pm on Election Day.

The most certain ways that an individual can ensure that their ballot—absentee or no-excuse mail-in -- will be counted is to vote in person at their assigned polling place or to hand-carry a mail-in ballot to the Voter Registration Office in the Courthouse. Mail-in voting is also a good option if you allow ample time for the Post Office to deliver your ballot.

You can request a mail-in ballot by calling the Voter Registration Office at 814-728-3406 or on-line at <https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/OnlineAbsenteeApplication/#/OnlineMailInBegin>. October 29 is the last date on which you may make this request. We strongly recommend completing this step much earlier. This site also allows you to check your mail-in voting status.

**Voters should read the instructions for mail-in ballots carefully and follow them. Ballots that do not include all the required envelopes and appropriately placed signature and date will not be counted.**

We learned that the public servants in the Post Office and the Voter Registration Office take their election responsibility very seriously, working hard to get ballots safely and timely delivered so that they can be counted. While this extra effort reflects very positively on these people, we don't recommend depending on heroic effort to get your ballot counted!

<b>Post Office</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Shortest</b>	<b>Longest</b>
<b>All</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>29</b>
Chandlers Valley	2.7	2	3
Clarendon	2.3	2	4
Columbus	3.4	2	5
Garland	2.4	2	3
Grand Valley	2.3	2	3
Homes (9)	2.4	2	4
Irvine	2.4	2	3
Pittsfield	2.4	2	3
Russell	2.1	2	3
Sheffield	5.8 (2.9*)	2	29
Spring Creek	2.1	2	3
Sugar Grove	2.7	2	3
Tidioute	4	2	7
Tiona	3.6	2	5
Warren PO and boxes on Third	2.5	2	4
Warren City Boxes (13)	3.1	2	5
Youngsville	2.5	2	5

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