

# How to Safely Vote-by-Mail

Voting is a deeply Jewish act. When we vote, we live our Jewish values of caring for and participating in the communities in which we live.

A wide range of political polls highlight that NC will be a critical toss-up state in the upcoming elections, so your vote will really matter! Since the COVID-19 pandemic may indeed make safe voting in November difficult, Kehillah members should be aware that it is now easy to request and utilize absentee ballots to vote by mail: Request an absentee ballot now so that you can vote-by-mail then. If you decide later that you'd like to vote in-person either during the early voting period or on election day (November 3<sup>rd</sup>), you may do so simply by not returning your absentee ballot.

An absentee ballot request form is enclosed with this newsletter. The form is on one side, with instructions on the reverse. Fill it out and return it to your county Board of Elections (see below) so that they receive it by 5 PM on October 27<sup>th</sup>; high demand is expected, so the earlier the better. It may be returned by mail, e-mail (a PDF scan of the filled-in form is acceptable in all counties; Orange, Chatham, and Wake also accept legible photos of the form), or fax. Even if requested now, absentee ballots will not be mailed out until September.

Orange County Board of Elections, P.O. Box 220, Hillsborough, NC 27278	Durham County Board of Elections, Attn: Absentee Ballots, PO Box 868, Durham, NC, 27702	Chatham County Board of Elections, PO Box 111, Pittsboro, NC 27312	Alamance County Board of Elections, 115 South Maple St., Graham, NC 27253	Wake County Board of Elections, Attn: Absentee, PO Box 695, Raleigh, NC 27602
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Further information can be found at the non-partisan website for YouCanVote at <https://www.youcanvote.org/vote-by-mail>. Official information from the NC Board of Elections is at <https://www.ncsbe.gov/Voting-Options/Absentee-Voting>

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