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Dear Residents,

With the November 3, 2020 General Election fast approaching, and with COVID-19 concerns still affecting our community, we hope this information about voting options and procedures will be useful.

Vote by Mail / Early Voting / Election Day FAQs

Why did I receive an application to vote by mail?

In compliance with Illinois Public Act 101-0642, the Lake County Clerk, Election Authority for West Deerfield Township, was required to mail on August 1 a vote by mail Application for Ballot to all Lake County residents who:

- Voted by mail, during early voting, or on Election Day in the March 2020 General Primary Election, April 2019 Consolidated Election, or the November 2018 General Election, or
- Registered to vote or updated their address between March 18, 2020 and July 31, 2020.

Why did I get more than one application?

In addition to the mandated mailing, there are civic organizations who also mail out applications as a courtesy.

If I complete multiple forms, will I get more than one ballot?

Only one ballot will be mailed to each validated voter. All ballot applications are returned to the Lake County Clerk's office where election judges will verify the voter's identity by matching the voter's application signature against the signature on his/her voter registration record.

If you have already submitted an application and get another one in the mail, you may discard the second application. If you want to vote in person, you may ignore all applications you might receive.

Did the clerk's office receive my application?

You can track receipt of your application by the County Clerk by logging onto [LakeVoterPower.info](https://www.lakevoterpower.info) and selecting "Track my Ballot." They have many applications to open and verify, so, if you do not see yours listed, check back a bit later.

How do I get an application if I have not received one?

Registered voters can log onto [LakeVoterPower.info](https://www.lakevoterpower.info) and choose to complete an electronic version, or download a paper application. If you wish to have a paper application mailed to you, call 847-377-VOTE or email your name, address, and date of birth to votingbyemail@lakecountyil.gov.

Am I required to vote by mail?

You do not have to vote by mail. Early Voting and Election Day voting sites will be open for in-person voting.

Can I vote in person after receiving a ballot in the mail?

If you choose to vote in person after receiving a ballot in the mail, you should bring the ballot with you to the voting site. Election judges will have you surrender the mailed ballot and issue a new one in the voting site.

When do ballots get mailed?

Ballots will be mailed beginning September 24. The last day the County Clerk can accept your ballot application or mail a ballot to you is Thursday, October 29. If you intend to vote by mail, we strongly urge you to request your ballot in advance of this deadline.

Do vote by mail ballots get counted?

Yes. Vote by mail ballots already received by Election Day will be tabulated on election night after the polls close at 7 pm. Those tallies will be posted on our Election Results web page.

In Illinois, election results are not final for 14 days, and this allows for still-arriving valid mailed ballots postmarked by Election Day. These valid votes will be posted online on the 14th day post-election.

Will there be drop boxes to return my voted ballot?

Yes. A postage-free drop box will be available during Early Voting in the voting room at the Township Center.

Early Voting: Oct. 19 – Nov. 1, 2020

The Lake County Clerk has designated West Deerfield Township as an Early Voting site again this election. Hours have been extended this year, Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 7 pm, Saturday and Sunday 9 am – 5 pm.

Please note that Early Voting will not be held at West Deerfield Township on Monday, November 2.

For a complete list of Early Voting sites in Lake County, please check our website, westdeerfieldtownship.org.

Election Day November 3, 2020

Remember, you must vote at your designated polling place on Election Day. Find it at LakeVoterPower.info, or call our office for assistance. Polls will be open 6 am – 7 pm.

Voter Registration

Register online with an Illinois Driver's License or State ID at lakecountyil.gov by October 18. You may also register during Early Voting or on Election Day.

If you have any questions, please call Township Clerk Kristen Scott, 847-945-0614, or contact the Lake County Clerk's office at 847 377-VOTE (8683).

Sincerely,



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