



MONROE COUNTY AUDITOR, AMANDA R. HARLAN

NEWS RELEASE

2020 Primary Election

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Absentee Voting in the Primary Election Encouraged in Light of Health Concerns

MONROE – Monroe County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections Amanda R. Harlan is encouraging those wishing to vote in the June 2, 2020 Primary Election to vote absentee by mail due to the recent concerns with coronavirus and COVID-19.

“I am encouraging our voters to cast ballots by mail to help reduce the risk of community spread of COVID-19,” Harlan said. “We are making this push for the safety of our voters and polling location workers.”

Harlan said polling locations will still be open for voting on election day for voters who prefer to cast ballots in person, but this effort will help reduce risk in the community.

Secretary of State Paul Pate has extended the absentee voting period to 40 days for Iowans who choose to vote by mail in the June Primary. This action means the absentee voting period for mailed ballots in the June Primary Election will begin on April 23, 2020. Monroe County residents can request an absentee ballot from the Auditor’s Office now.

Absentee ballots must be requested in writing. Request forms are available on the Monroe County website at https://www.monroecoia.us/offices/auditor/forms/Absentee_Request_2019.pdf. Absentee ballot request forms may also be obtained by contacting the Monroe County Auditor’s Office and requesting one be mailed out. Please call or email the Auditor’s office at 641.932.2865 or aharlan@monroecoia.us with your current mailing address.

Voters are reminded that for the Primary Election they must choose a political party on the request form in order to receive the correct ballot. Absentee voters are also reminded they will need to provide a personal identification number (PIN) when voting absentee either in person or by mail. That PIN will most likely be your Iowa driver’s license number or your Iowa non-operator’s ID number. If a voter does not have either of those, the voter should have been sent a PIN from the Iowa Secretary of State’s Office.

For more information about absentee voting or the 2020 Primary Election please contact Monroe County Auditor Amanda Harlan.

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