

# ABSENTEE VOTING

With Election Day fast approaching I would like to make all Atchison County registered voters aware of their ABSENTEE VOTING options. If you meet any one of the following reasons you may come to the courthouse and vote during regular office hours prior to Election Day. Office hours are, Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - Noon and 1:00 - 4:30. In addition the office will be open from 8:00 a.m. - Noon on Saturday, October 31st and 8:30 - 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 2nd. Missouri does not have no excuse early voting.

Registered voters in Atchison County who expect to be prevented from going to their polling place on Election Day may vote absentee if they provide one of the following reasons for voting absentee:

1. Absence on Election Day from the jurisdiction of the election authority in which such voter is registered to vote
2. Incapacity or confinement due to illness or physical disability, including a person who is primarily responsible for the physical care of a person who is incapacitated or confined due to illness or disability
3. Religious belief or practice
4. Employment as an election authority, as a member of an election authority, or by an election authority at a location other than such voter's polling place
5. Incarceration, provided all qualifications for voting are retained.
6. Certified participation in the address confidentiality program established under sections 589.660 to 589.681 because of safety concerns.
7. For an election that occurs during the year 2020, the voter has contracted or is in an at-risk category for contracting or transmitting severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (COVID-19).

Voters who are considered at-risk for contracting or transmitting COVID-19 are those who:

- Are 65 years of age or older
- Live in a long-term care facility licensed under Chapter 198, RSMo.
- Have chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma
- Have serious heart conditions
- Are immunocompromised
- Have diabetes
- Have chronic kidney disease and are undergoing dialysis; or
- Have liver disease.

If you are confined to your home due to COVID or for any other health reason, please call the office as soon as possible if you are wanting to vote. Do not wait until Election Day. We need time to assemble a team to provide you with your ballot. Please call Atchison County Clerk, Susette Taylor @ 660-744-6214.