

APPLY NOW to VOTE BY MAIL
In the JUNE 9 DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY for ARLINGTON COUNTY BOARD

On June 9, Arlington County will hold a primary election to determine the Democratic candidate for County Board in the November election. Under Virginia's absentee voting law, during the ongoing pandemic you may vote without leaving home.

But you should apply online now. The absentee ballot will be mailed to you, and you will have to return it by mail. The Office of Elections will be receiving more applications than usual, so there may be a delay in its processing of your request. And with the current disruptions, the mail may take much longer than usual. Finally, the Office of Elections would prefer to receive completed absentee ballots over a period of weeks rather than in a one- or two-day deluge at Election Day. For your vote to count, the Office must receive your ballot by 7:00 p.m. on June 9. So, don't wait – request your absentee ballot now.

To obtain your ballot, go to <https://vote.arlingtonva.us/absentee/>. Enter the information requested on the series of screens presented. When you reach the screen entitled "Absentee," click on the first option for requesting an absentee ballot:

I have a reason or condition that prevents me from going to the polls on Election Day.

As the website states, your concern that you might be exposed to the coronavirus while voting is a valid reason under Virginia law for obtaining an absentee ballot.

When you receive your ballot in the mail, open the outside envelope to check its contents. Wait to open the enclosed envelope labeled "Ballot within" until you have a witness, who may be any adult. Then, in front of the witness, open the ballot envelope, record your vote, and sign where indicated. Have the witness sign as well. You'll need a stamp to mail the ballot in. You will have received a return envelope addressed to the Office of the General Registrar, 2100 Clarendon Blvd. Suite 320, Arlington VA 22201-5401.

By the way, you can purchase stamps by mail [here](#). If you have questions about the absentee ballot process, they may be answered [here](#).

In the coming year, the Arlington County Board will be making a number of major decisions. There will be the usual menu of environmental, economic, educational, and other issues, but these will be augmented by many new issues arising in the wake of the coronavirus. Vote for the candidate who will best represent your views as Arlington confronts these problems. The two candidates for the Democratic nomination to the Arlington County Board are:

- Chanda Choun <https://chandachoun.com/>
- Libby Garvey <https://libbygarvey.com/>

Thanks for voting!