



Message from the Amherst Town Clerk



New Options for Voting in 2020

Upcoming Elections

NH Primary Sept. 8, 2020

General Election Nov. 3, 2020

Because of the pandemic, it is reasonable to anticipate that voters may feel apprehension about voting in person in the September 2020 Primary and November 2020 General Elections. The NH Secretary of the State's Office believes that voters should not have to choose between their health and exercising their constitutional right to vote.

To enable all to vote safely, new pandemic related directives from the NH Secy. Of State have increased voting options to include both in-person voting as well as an option to register and vote absentee by mail or drop off:

- 1) If you are **currently registered** and have any concern about COVID-19 and your health and safety, you qualify to **vote absentee**. Just check the disability box on the absentee ballot request form.
- 2) If you are a **new voter** with COVID concerns you can **register absentee as well as request an absentee ballot** using the same disability excuse.

Note: To avoid long lines at the polls due to social distancing requirements and to ensure that your forms and/or absentee ballot are received on time, we recommend that you request forms/ballots and return them as early as possible. Please note that in-person voting and registration are still options but we encourage the absentee option to make voting safe for those with health concerns.

Call the Town Clerk's Office (673-6041 X-208) to request a new voter/absentee ballot packet or to inquire about absentee ballots or check out these websites for detailed instructions: <https://sos.nh.gov/VotingEmergency.aspx> and <https://www.amherstnh.gov/town-clerk/pages/voter-election-information>