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## **Press Release**

Attention Jefferson County Residents

**Due to COVID-19, all November 3, 2020, General Election voters are encouraged by Public Act 101-642 to cast a ballot prior to Election Day, either by mail or during Early Voting.**

**Polling Places will be open on Election Day** from 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. for those whom prefer to vote at polls with social distancing enforced. Unless restrictions change, voters will need to wear a mask, and are encouraged to bring their own pen.

**Pursuant to Public Act 101-642, before 8/1/20, an application for a vote by mail ballot will be mailed to every voter whom voted in November 2018, April 2019 or March 2020, as well as new/change registrations since 3/18/20.** The application can be returned by mail or in person to Jefferson County Clerk, 100 S. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Room 105, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864, or scanned and emailed to [jeffcoclerk@jeffil.us](mailto:jeffcoclerk@jeffil.us).

*If you choose not to use your vote by mail application, please destroy it to avoid someone else from using it.* Additional applications can be printed from the County web site [www.jeffersoncountyillinois.com](http://www.jeffersoncountyillinois.com), County Info tab or Resource Center tab, or the State Board of Elections at <https://elections.il.gov/electionoperations/VotingByMail.aspx>.

**The first day to mail out ballots** with returned application **and Early Vote is 9/24/2020.** Early Voting will be conducted at the Courthouse with social distancing enforced. Unless restrictions change, voters will be required to wear a mask, and are encouraged to bring their own pen. (County web site, County Info tab – 2020 Elections – Notices for more details as available.)

***Remember you can only vote once, so if you choose to vote by mail or Early Vote, it is illegal to vote again on Election Day.***

To register to vote or check your registration status, visit <https://ova.elections.il.gov>.

If you have questions, please call our office at 244-8020 Ext. 3, Option 1, or email [jeffcoclerk@jeffil.us](mailto:jeffcoclerk@jeffil.us).