Have you already requested a ballot?
Check on the status of your ballot and/or absentee application using our Absentee Ballot Search Tool using this QR Code or: https://lookup.boe.ohio.gov/vtrapp/warren/avlookup.aspx

If you already REQUESTED a ballot and RETURNED it to the Board of Elections and it has been RECEIVED by the Board of Elections, DO NOT ATTEMPT TO VOTE ANOTHER BALLOT.
Knowingly voting twice is illegal. Your record is tagged as soon as you request a ballot. If you decide not to vote the ballot we mailed to you, you will have to vote a Provisional Ballot which is not counted on Election Day.
All Provisional Ballots will be held 4 days after the election to make sure the original requested ballot has not been received by the Board of Elections.

What if I mailed my ballot in and it wasn't received?
If you mailed your absentee ballot back to the Board of Elections office and it was not received by Election Day, you will be required and instructed how to vote a provisional ballot in your polling location.

What if I receive my absentee ballot and decide not to vote it?
1. You can appear at the Board of Elections during early voting period and ask for your mailed ballot to be "soiled" (canceled). Upon canceling your mailed ballot, you will be allowed to vote a "regular" ballot which will be counted on Election Day.
2. You can appear at your polling location on Election Day and vote a Provisional ballot. Provisional ballots are not counted on Election Day and will be held for 10 days after the election to make sure the original requested ballot has not been received by the Board of Elections.

When are absentee ballots counted?
All absentee ballots received by the Board of Elections office by 7:30 pm on Election Night will be included in the election night results.
Mail in ballots post marked by the Monday before the election and received by the Board of Elections office no later than 4 days after the election will be counted in the Official Results.

I **received another ballot request form in the mail, but I already sent mine in. Do I need to send in this "new" application too?**

Please confirm using the link on the home page titled: **CHECK MY ABSENTEE BALLOT STATUS** that your first application was received. If you see that we have received your application, you do not need to send in another one. https://lookup.boe.ohio.gov/vtrapp/warren/avlookup.aspx

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I requested my ballot a while ago- why hasn't it arrived?
All ballot requests received before **the registration deadline** will be sent in the first batch leaving the Board of Elections office the day after the registration deadline.
Confirm that your application was received by the Board of Elections by using this link:
https://lookup.boe.ohio.gov/vtrapp/warren/avlookup.aspx and you will be able to tell if there are no problems with it. If the application is in order and your ballot has been mailed, you should receive it in the mail a few days after mailing, or in some cases, shortly thereafter.
The USPS is requesting that you allow at least 5-7 business days to receive your ballot from the date it was mailed.

Do I need to mail my application/ballot or can I drop it off?
The Board of Elections has a 24 hour secured drop box outside its office door where ballot applications and "voted" ballots can be dropped. The drop box is checked several times a day by a bipartisan team of elections officials.
You can turn in your ballot in person or by a family member at the Board of Elections office on Election Day up to 7:30 pm.

Can I turn in my ballot to my polling location?
If you show up to a polling location with your ballot, you will be instructed to vote a Provisional Ballot or return your ballot to the Board of Elections before 7:30pm on Election Day.
You cannot turn your voted ballot in to your polling location. It is HIGHLY recommended that you bring your ballot to the Board of Elections by 7:30pm on Election Night.

When is the deadline to register to vote/when does Early Voting begin in your office?
The last day to register to vote/make changes to your voting record is **30 days before the election** by 9pm.
Early Voting starts the day after Voter Registration Deadline at the Board of Elections office and early voting hours can be found at this link: https://vote.warrencountyohio.gov/Public_Election_Notice.pdf

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How do I check what political party I am affiliated with?

Enter your name at the following link and if you have a political affiliation it will be listed by your name following the word "Party" in parentheses. If nothing appears by your name you haven't voted in a Primary Election recently. https://lookup.boe.ohio.gov/vtrapp/warren/vtrlookup.aspx

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How can I change/drop my political affiliation?

In Ohio you have the opportunity to change/state your political affiliation ONLY during Primary Elections. The type of ballot you request, during these elections, determines what affiliation will be listed on your voting record. If you decide you would rather be unaffiliated with a political party then during a primary you should request an "Issues Only" ballot if there is one available for your precinct.