

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 20, 2020

To help stop the spread of COVID-19, the La Crosse County Clerk and La Crosse County Municipal Clerks are encouraging all voters to please vote by absentee mail.

In light of misinformation being reported earlier this week, voters are still able to request absentee ballots by mail. They may do so until Thursday, April 2nd at 5pm. We ask that you do not wait that long as the mail does take time and your ballot **MUST** be returned to the clerk no later than 8pm on election day. We ask that you request your absentee ballot by mail now!

In person absentee voting does start on March 23rd for most municipalities in La Crosse County based upon hours set for absentee voting by the clerk. We are trying to avoid as much in person contact and abide by the 6-foot social distancing guidelines. This guideline is hard to maintain with in person absentee voting and on election day.

Ballots by mail can be requested at **myvote.wi.gov**

As long as you are registered to vote, you can request it online. Our hope is to limit most in person absentee voting to just those voters who need to register to vote.

We are in unprecedented times right now and we cannot predict what the future may hold in the next week or two. To prevent any voter from not being able to cast their ballot, we cannot encourage you enough to request your ballot by mail now.

Many voters are new to absentee voting and we want to remind voters to make sure you follow the instructions that are included with every absentee ballot in order to properly mark their ballot. **Voters should also make sure their absentee certificate envelope is signed by the them AND contain a signature AND address of a witness.** This is extremely important to make sure their ballot is counted.

Attached is a list municipal clerk's contact information and updated absentee voting hours. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or the municipal clerks.

Our goal is to make sure every voter has an opportunity to cast a ballot and to make sure that ballot is counted while keeping EVERYONE as safe as we can.

Hand sanitizer, pens and gloves will be provided to clerks for voting to keep the voters and poll workers as safe as possible.

MUNICIPAL CLERKS – ABSENTEE VOTING HOURS

TOWN	CLERK	PHONE	ABSENTEE VOTING HOURS
Town of Bangor	Dawn Faherty	608-769-1185	By appointment only. Please call.
Town of Barre	Lynette Schomberg	608-786-0155	By appointment only. Please call.
Town of Burns	Melissa Hart-Pollock	608-385-5436	By appointment only. Please call.
Town of Campbell	Cassie Hanan	608-783-0050	Mon, Wed, Thur 8am – 4:30pm; Tues 8am-6pm; Fri 8am – 3pm
Town of Farmington	Crystal Sbraggia	608-780-4778	March 18, 25, April 1 – 6pm-8pm March 28 10am – noon; April 2 & 3 4pm – 5pm or by appointment
Town of Greenfield	Stacy Burns	608-787-0400	Tues 6pm – 8pm; Wed 8am – 3pm Or by appointment.
Town of Hamilton	Sara Schultz	608-786-1516	By appointment only. Please call
Town of Holland	Marilyn Pedretti	608-526-3354	8am-1pm Mon & Thurs. 3pm-6pm Wed Friday, April 3 rd from 4-5pm
Town of Medary	Diane Elsen	608-781-2275	Tues 8am – 11am; Thurs 3pm – 6pm Fri 8am – 11am or by appointment
Town of Onalaska	Mary Rinehart	608-783-4958 ext. 201	Mon-Thur 8am-noon, 1pm-4pm Fri 8am – 12pm
Town of Shelby	Fortune Weaver	608-788-1032	By appointment only.
Town of Washington	Barb Muenzenberger	608-486-2297 or 608-780-8760	By appointment only, Mon-Fri 9am – 1pm Please call.
Village of Bangor	Jeri Wittmershaus	608-486-4084 ext. 1	Mon-Thur 7am – 4:30pm Fri 7am – 1pm
Village of Holmen	Angela Hornberg	608-526-4336	8am – 4pm Monday - Friday
Village of Rockland	Stephanie Rowell	608-486-4037	8am – 4pm Mon, Tues, Thurs; noon-4pm Wed
Village of West Salem	Teresa DeLong	608-786-1858	8am – 4:45pm Monday - Friday
City of La Crosse	Teri Lehrke	608-789-7510	March 23, 24, 25, 26 & 27 10am-2pm March 30 & 31 and April 1 10am – 2pm April 2 & 3 noon – 5pm.
City of Onalaska	Cari Burmaster	608-781-9530	Mon-Friday 8am – 5pm