



**Office of Mercer County Clerk Paula Sollami Covello
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Mercer County Clerk's Office Offers Pre-Election Information and Other Voting Reminders

As a precaution against COVID-19, Mercer County Clerk Paula Sollami Covello will not be holding live public viewing of election results in the office the evening of Tuesday, November 3 (Election Night). Results will be available for everyone who wants to view them as they come in at <http://www.mercercounty.org/government/county-clerk/elections>. No additional information would be available in person at the County Clerk's Office on Election Night. However, if members of the media need any written results sent to them, they can call 609-278-7161 to request this.

Additionally, there are several non-profit voter information organizations that are working to increase voter participation in Mercer County, the State of New Jersey, and the United States. As part of their outreach, they are sending mailers and other information, but it is important to know that voting laws may vary from state to state. The New Jersey Division of Elections (<https://www.nj.gov/state/elections/>) and the County Clerk's Office have the most up-to-date and verifiable information.

For voters who wish to either vote at the polls on a provisional ballot or return their mail-in ballots to their polling place, it is recommended that they verify their polling place by either checking the address on their polling location post card, or the complete list of polling locations here: <http://www.mercercounty.org/home/showdocument?id=19390>.

Finally, there has been some confusion regarding the Track My Ballot feature provided by the New Jersey State Division of Elections. Residents have been calling to ask about their ballot being listed as "received" and not "accepted" or "rejected." This status change may not be reflected until after the certification of the election on November 20. Furthermore, the County Board of Elections will contact a voter if there is an inconsistency with a ballot signature that may cause it to be rejected. The Track My Ballot feature does not have the capacity to show whether a ballot has been pulled for signature verification. If a resident's ballot is rejected for

signature issues, the voter will receive a “cure letter”, which must be returned by November 18 for their ballot to count. Residents with a phone number or email address on file with the Board of Elections may be contacted in this way as well.

For more information about the 2020 General Election, please call the Election Hotline at 609-278-2719, visit www.mercercounty.org, or email mercervotes@mercercounty.org.