

We are fielding a lot of questions about the absentee ballot process. Here is a summary of that process for the November 3 General Election:

The Hamilton County Auditor's office is not doing a mass mailing of Absentee Ballot request forms. There are mass mailings from a number of organizations. The Iowa Secretary of State will be sending a request form to every registered voter in the county. These are all legitimate request forms, and you only need to send one of them to us. We will send only one ballot per voter, regardless of how many request forms are sent to us.

Absentee ballots will be available for mailing and voting in person on October 5. The deadline for requests for a ballot by mail is October 24 (request must be in our office by 5:00 pm that day).

Ballots returned by mail must be in our office by 9:00 pm on election day or if received after election day, would need to be postmarked the day before the election or earlier. You may drop your ballot off at the courthouse by either putting it in the drop box located at the southeast corner of the courthouse near the sidewalk or bringing it to the Auditor's office.

In-person voting at the courthouse begins October 5 and ends November 2, the day before the election.

Due to a limited number of Precinct Election Officials, voters can expect lines at the polls on November 3rd. Please consider requesting and voting by absentee ballot or voting in person at the Auditor's Office.

Let us know if you have further questions: 515-832-9510 or kschaa@hamiltoncounty.org