

Press Release, Lancaster County Democratic Committee
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Lancaster County Democratic Committee

Lancaster County, Virginia

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Presidential Primary Voting Starts Today

In-person absentee voting begins on Thursday, January 16, 2020 at every county voter registration office. If you are unable to vote on election day, March 3, 2020, because you will be out of town, have a disability or illness, you may vote beginning Thursday. Though you need only one, these are some of the twenty reasons (shown below) that qualify you to vote in-person absentee or by mail in any Virginia election.

“This election will help determine the Democratic Party nominee for President,” said Robert Bennett, Chair of the Lancaster County Democratic Committee. “A friend who has always voted Republican but now is dissatisfied with our President, asked me if he could vote in the Democratic Primary.” The answer is ‘yes’, because primaries in Virginia are open to all registered voters. “This means that voters do not have to be registered as a Democrat, Republican, or Independent to vote in the Democratic Presidential Primary election,” explained Bennett.

To vote in-person absentee, no appointment is needed; simply bring your current photo ID to your county registration office. Absentee voting by mail may be requested at the county voter registration office or online at www.elections.virginia.gov, where you may also register as a new voter or update your current voter registration. The deadline to register or update your registration is February 10, 2020 for the Presidential Primary

Lancaster County Voter Registration Office is located at the back of the Old Court House at 8311 Mary Ball Road, Lancaster, VA 22503. It is open between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday, and the same times on the two Saturdays just prior to the election: February 22 and 29.

Contact: Susan P. Jett, Registrar, telephone: 804-462-5277 and email: sjett@lancova.com.

Northumberland County Voter Registration Office is located at 72 Monument Place, Heathsville, VA 22473. It is open between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday, and the same times on the two Saturdays just prior to the election: February 22 and 29.

Contact: Katherine Davenport, Registrar, telephone: 804-580-4655 and email: kdavenport@co.northumberland.va.us.

Richmond County Voter Registration Office is located at 101 Court Circle, Warsaw, VA 22572. It is open between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday, and the same times on the two Saturdays just prior to the election: February 22 and 29.

Contact: Halle Cullison, Registrar, telephone: 804-333-4772 and email: govote159@co.richmond.va.us.

Westmoreland County Voter Registration Office is located at 105 Court Square, Montross, VA 22520. It is open between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday, and the same times on the two Saturdays just prior to the election: February 22 and 29.

Contact: Dawn Jenkins, Registrar, telephone: 804-493-8898 and email: govote193@westmoreland-county.org.

Registered voters who vote in-person absentee are subject to the same proof of identification requirements as voting at the polls: you must have a photo ID. Acceptable forms of ID include

1. Valid Virginia driver’s license;
2. Valid United States passport;
3. Any other photo identification issued by the Commonwealth, one of its political subdivisions (cities, towns, or counties), or the United States;
4. Any valid student identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by any institution of higher education located in the Commonwealth or any private school located in the Commonwealth;
5. Any valid employee identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by an employer of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer’s business.

Any registered voter without an acceptable photo ID may apply for a free Virginia Voter Photo Identification from the voter registration office.

Lancaster County and Northumberland County voters will choose their Democratic nominee for President between the following as listed on the ballot: Cory Booker, Julian Castro, Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren, Marianne Williamson, Michael Bennet, Joseph R. Biden, Amy Klobuchar, Tulsi Gabbard, Deval Patrick, Pete Buttigieg, Andrew Yang, Tom Steyer, and Michael R. Bloomberg. As of January 10, the one candidate who is on the ballot but has withdrawn is Julian Castro.

You can vote in-person absentee or by mail if one of these reasons applies to you:

Code	Reason	Supporting Information Required
1A	Student attending college or university outside of locality of residence in Virginia	Name of college or university
1B	Spouse of student attending college or university outside locality of residence in Virginia	Name of college or university
1C	Business outside County/City of residence on election day	Name of employer or business

1D	Personal business or vacation outside County/City of residence on election day	Place of travel (VA county/city or state or country)
1E	I am working and commuting to/from home for 11 or more hours between 6:00 AM and 7:00 PM on election day	Name of employer or business, and election day hours of working and commuting (AM to PM)
1F	I am a first responder (member of law enforcement, fire fighter, emergency technician, search and rescue)	Not required
2A	My disability or illness	Not required
2B	I am primarily and personally responsible for the care of a disabled/ill family member confined at home	Family Relationship
2C	My pregnancy	Not required
3A	Confined, awaiting trial	Name of institution
3B	Confined, convicted of a misdemeanor	Name of institution
4A	An electoral board member, registrar, officer of election, or custodian of voting equipment	Not required
5A	I have a religious obligation	Not required
6A	Active Duty Merchant Marine or Armed Forces	Branch of service
6B	Spouse or dependent living with a member of 6A	Branch of service
6C	Temporarily residing outside of US	Enter your last date of residency at your Virginia voting residence only if you have given up that address permanently or have no intent to return
6D	Temporarily residing outside of US for employment or spouse or dependent residing with employee	Name of business or employer
7A	Requesting a ballot for presidential and vice-presidential electors only (Ballots for other offices/issues will not be sent)	New state of residence and date moved from Virginia. Only eligible if you moved less than 30 days before the presidential election.
8A	Authorized representative of candidate or party serving inside the polling place	Not required
9A	Granted a protective order issued by or under the authority of a court of competent jurisdiction.	Name of the county or city in Virginia or the state of the issuing court.

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