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Early Voting and Vote by Mail Ballots for the Primary Election are available

FREEHOLD, NJ – Monmouth County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon is reminding residents that voting by mail is an available option for all registered voters in Monmouth County.

"Any registered voter can vote by mail for any reason," said Clerk Hanlon. "There is no reason to forget, get too busy or have to deal with inclement weather. Most importantly, every valid vote cast by mail will be included in the election results so residents do not have to worry that their vote will not be counted."

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:63-5, the Clerk of Elections commenced the mailing of Vote by Mail ballots for the Primary Election to voters 45 days before the election, on April 20.

In order to vote by mail, voters must first complete a Vote by Mail application. The application can be obtained from the County Clerk's Elections webpage at www.MonmouthCountyVotes.com, on the County Clerk's "Monmouth County Votes"

Mobile App, or by visiting the County Clerk's Elections Office or Municipal Clerk of their hometown.

Applications to Vote by Mail that are sent by U.S. Mail must be received by the County Clerk's Elections Office seven days before an election. For the June 4 Primary Election, the date is Tuesday, May 28.

Voters may also apply in person at the County Clerk's Elections Office located at 300 Halls Mill Road in Freehold up until 3 p.m. the day before the election. When applying in person, voters can vote early and submit their ballot to the County Board of Elections, which is also located at 300 Halls Mill Road in Freehold.

Simple instructions for completing and returning Vote by Mail ballots are included in the ballot package.

"All Mail-In Ballots are due back to the Monmouth County Board of Elections within 48 hours after close of the polls on election night, provided that the ballots are post marked on Election Day," said Clerk Hanlon. "Therefore, Mail-In Ballots for the Primary Election must be received by the Monmouth County Board of Elections by June 6, provided that the ballots are post marked on Election Day, June 4."

Voters with additional questions regarding Voting by Mail should call the County Clerk's Election Division at 732-431-7790 or email ClerkofElections@co.monmouth.nj.us.