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Absentee Voting for General Election Begins Tomorrow

(Columbus) Absentee voting begins tomorrow for the Nov. 2, 2010 general election with the start of in-person voting at the board of elections and ballots mailed to those who've applied to vote by mail.

More than 126,000 voters have requested a mailed ballot since applications were sent to nearly 640,000 active Franklin County voters last month.

The board of elections will be open for voting until Nov. 1 on weekdays including Columbus Day, seven weeknights, two Saturdays and two Sundays at the following times:

The board of elections will be open for voting at the following days and times:

- Weekdays, including Columbus Day, Oct. 11, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Weeknights until 7p.m. tomorrow, Sept. 28 and until 7 p.m. from Monday Oct. 25 to Friday Oct. 29
- Saturday, Oct. 2 and Saturday Oct. 30 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 3 and Sunday Oct. 31 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 4 until 9 p.m.

Other Important Dates to Remember:

- Voters must be registered by Oct. 4 to be eligible for this election.
- They have until Oct. 30 to request a ballot by mail or until Nov. 1 to ask for one in person at the board of elections.
- Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked by Nov. 1 and received by Nov. 12. Otherwise, the ballot must be received at the board of elections by 7:30 p.m. on Election Day.

Absentee ballot applications are available by calling 462-3100 or on the board's Web site at <http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov>. The site includes sample ballots and directions to Election Day polling locations that registered voters can find by entering their name and home address.

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