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### **Expanded Hours Ahead for Final Week of Absentee Voting**

**(Columbus)** The Franklin County Board of Elections reminds voters that absentee voting will be expanded next week- the final week before Election Day.

Board offices located at 280 E. Broad Street, Columbus, will be open for in-person voting from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. from Monday Oct. 25 through Friday Oct. 29, on Saturday Oct. 30 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on Sunday, Oct. 31 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. In-person voting on the final day of the absentee period, Monday Nov. 1, will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

More than 159,000 voters have requested absentee ballots for the general election. Approximately 94,000 voted ballots have been mailed to the board of elections as of today.

Voted absentee ballots must be returned to the board of elections by 7:30 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 2 to count in the general election. Ballots returned by mail must be post marked by Nov. 1 and are due by Nov. 12.

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