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**Absentee Ballots Mailings Begin**

**(Columbus)** The first absentee ballots are in the mail to Franklin County voters who've requested to vote by mail.

The Franklin County Board of Elections reports that 119,350 ballots were mailed yesterday on the first day of the absentee voting period. Another 1,509 voters cast absentee ballots in person at the county's early vote center. The vote center is located at 1700 Morse Road, Columbus and will be open weekdays at the following days and times throughout the absentee voting period:

- 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Oct. 2 to Oct. 19 except for Monday, Oct. 8 when the vote center and board of elections are closed for Columbus Day and Tuesday, Oct. 9- the deadline to register for the general election- when the center is open from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday, Oct. 22 to Thursday, Nov. 1
- 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. , Friday Nov. 2

Litigation will determine if additional hours for in-person absentee voting will be available Nov. 3, 4 and 5.

Voters applying for an absentee ballot will need to provide their Ohio driver license number or the last four digits of their Social Security number. Eligible voters can register and cast a ballot on the same day at the vote center through Oct. 9.

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