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Absentee Voting Underway in Franklin County

(Columbus) On the first day of absentee balloting in Ohio, 808 Franklin County voters cast absent voter ballots in person at Veterans Memorial.

Of these, 72 registered in person immediately before applying for their absentee ballot and another 98 entered a change of name or updated their voter registration address before voting.

“Our in-person absentee voter operation ran smoothly,” said Michael Stinziano, Director of the Franklin County Board of Elections. “This being the first presidential general election with absentee voting open to all voters, its hard to forecast the number of in person absentee voters to expect for the thirty-five day period, except to say that it will be more than we’ve ever had.”

“For voters who have already requested an absentee ballot by mail, we began mailing ballots today so it is not necessary to also come to Vets to vote,” said Deputy Director Matt Damschroder.

Voting at Veterans Memorial, located at 300 West Broad Street, will run daily from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and from 1p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

More than 141,000 Franklin County voters have requested absentee ballots by mail to date with approximately 130,000 mailed today. Voters can apply for a mail-in absentee ballot at <http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov> or by calling 462-3100.

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