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| Governor Northam’s [Executive Order 56](https://www.governor.virginia.gov/media/governorvirginiagov/executive-actions/EO-56-AMENDED---Postponing-June-9%2C-2020-Primary-Election-to-June-23%2C-2020-Due-to-Novel-Coronavirus-%28COVID-19%29.pdf) has made it possible for every registered voter in the state of Virginia to be eligible to vote absentee in the upcoming primaries.The steps are simple and easy: |
| 1. First, go to [elections.virginia.gov](https://www.elections.virginia.gov/index.html).
2. You will want to select the second tab from the left, “[Casting a Ballot](https://www.elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/).” From here you will want to select the fourth option on the left “[Absentee Voting](https://www.elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/absentee-voting/).”
3. Once on the absentee voting screen you will want to scroll down and select “[Apply Online for a Ballot](https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation)”
4. On this screen you will fill in all of your personal information. You will need to make sure you have your SSN handy.
5. After filling in all of your personal information and hitting continue, you will come to a screen with a box that states “I want to apply for absentee voting” you should check this box and hit continue. You will then be asked a series of Questions.
6. When prompted you should select the reason: “I have a reason or condition that prevents me from going to the polls on Election Day.”
7. Finally, you will come to a screen where you will select the election and reasoning for voting absentee. For the election select June 23rd Democratic or Republican Primary (you must choose only one). The absentee ballot reason you should select is **my disability or illness**. The governor’s executive order is allowing everyone to legally list this option.
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| **How to request an absentee ballot****--------------**Virginians are scheduled to go to the polls on June 23rd, 2020 to select party nominees for the upcoming general election. Voting absentee is easier and more relevant than ever during COVID-19. |
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| That's all it takes! Once you click submit on your request you should expect anywhere from 3-7 days to get your ballot! To ensure that your vote is counted you should return your ballot in the mail at least 3-4 days prior to the election. If you are concerned your ballot will not arrive on time, you may choose to drop your ballot off with the local county or city registrar. |

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