



2020 General Election FAQs

What are the Mail Ballot Precincts in Cass County?

MAIL BALLOT PRECINCTS			
Ansel Township	Crooked Lake Township	Meadow Brook Township	Smoky Hollow Township
Backus	Deerfield Township	Moose Lake Township	Sucker Lakes Unorg.
Barclay Township	Federal Dam	Motley-Cass portion only	Sylvan Township
Becker Township	Gould Township	Ottertail Peninsula Township	Thunder Lake Township
Bena	Hackensack	Pillager	Torrey Township
Beulah Township	Hardwood South Unorg.	Pine Lake Township	Turtle Lake Township
Birch Lake Township	Hiram Township	Ponto Lake Township	Wabedo Township
Blind Lake Township	Home Brook Township	Poplar Township	Wahnena Unorg.
Boy Lake Township	Inguadona Township	Powers Township	Walden Township
Boy River	Kego Township	Remer	Willow River Unorg.
Boy River Township	Leech Lake Township	Remer Township	Wilson Township
Bull Moose Township	Lima Township	Rogers Point Unorg.	Winnie Portage Unorg.
Bungo Township	Longville	Rogers Township	Woodrow Township
Byron Township	Loon Lake Township	Salem Township	
Chickamaw Beach	McKinley Township	Slater Township	

Why is my precinct that I used to vote in person now a mail ballot?

Several Cass County precincts that previously had in person voting have opted for the Mail Ballot process over a Polling Place. The decision of whether your precinct is a Mail Ballot precinct or a Polling Place precinct (in person voting) is up to the precinct; questions regarding that decision can be directed to the municipal town Clerk.

What is the difference between absentee ballot and mail ballot?

Absentee ballots-a voter that is in a polling place precinct opts to have their ballot mailed to them. Also known as early voting or if in a mail ballot precinct and their address has changed request that a ballot be mailed to them. Absentee Ballot requests are processed as they are received and mailed out a ballot.

Mail ballot-your precinct has determined that it will conduct the election as a mail ballot precinct and all registered voters within the precinct are automatically mailed a ballot.

How do I vote early, i.e. request an absentee ballot?

Important: If you are a mail ballot precinct and you have not had a change in address it is not necessary to request an absentee ballot; mail ballots are automatically mailed out to registered voters.

To vote by mail, apply to have an absentee ballot mailed to you. You do not need to be registered to apply. **If you have already applied for a General Election ballot, it will be mailed to you as soon as ballots become available. To request an absentee ballot for the November general election, use the online absentee application <https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/ABRegistration/ABRegistrationStep1.aspx>, or one of downloadable applications below. Return your completed absentee application to your county election office <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/find-county-election-office/> by mail, fax or email.**

Where are the vote early ‘absentee’ locations in our County?

Starting September 18th 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, October 31st 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and November 2nd 8:00 a.m.- 5:00pm. Voters not pre-registered (not registered before election day) may receive their Absentee Ballot at the location listed or at the Cass County Courthouse. From October 27th to November 2nd from 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and November 3rd from 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. in person or ‘Direct Balloting’ is available for Absentee Voters at the Cass County Courthouse in Walker. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Cass County has limited public access to all buildings with courtrooms and court proceedings remaining open. Those utilizing the Cass County Courthouse location (303 Minnesota Avenue, Walker) should enter through the North entrance (directly across the street from Cenex gas station). This entrance has been dedicated to voting only. All other in-person County business must be conducted from the Law Enforcement Center entrance. Face coverings are required for entrance into the building. For all locations besides the Cass County Courthouse, please contact the local government for their entrance policy.

Precinct	Absentee Voting Location
Ansel Township	Cass County Office-Walker
Backus	Cass County Office-Walker
Barclay Township	Pine River City Hall/Cass County Office-Walker
Becker Township	Pillager City Hall/Cass County Office-Walker
Bena	Leech Lake Reservation Tribal Headquarters/Cass Co.
Beulah Township	Cass County Office-Walker
Birch Lake Township	Cass County Office-Walker
Blind Lake Township	Cass County Office-Walker
Boy Lake Township	Cass County Office-Walker
Boy River	Cass County Office-Walker
Boy River Township	Cass County Office-Walker
Bull Moose Township	Cass County Office-Walker
Bungo Township	Pine River City Hall/Cass County Office-Walker
Byron Township	Cass County Office-Walker
Cass Lake	Leech Lake Reservation Tribal Headquarters/Cass Co.
Chickamaw Beach	Pine River City Hall/Cass County Office-Walker
Crooked Lake Township	Cass County Office-Walker
East Gull Lake	East Gull Lake City Hall/Cass County Office-Walker
Fairview Township	Lake Shore City Hall/Cass County Office-Walker
Federal Dam	Leech Lake Reservation Tribal Headquarters/Cass Co.
Gould Township	Leech Lake Reservation Tribal Headquarters/Cass Co.
Hackensack	Cass County Office-Walker
Hardwood South Unorg.	Cass County Office-Walker
Hiram Township	Cass County Office-Walker
Home Brook Township	Pillager City Hall/Cass County Office-Walker
Inguadona Township	Cass County Office-Walker

Precinct	Absentee Voting Location
Kego Township	Cass County Office-Walker
Lake Shore	Lake Shore City Hall
Leech Lake Township	Cass County Office-Walker
Lima Township	Cass County Office-Walker
Longville	Cass County Office-Walker
Loon Lake Township	Pine River City Hall/Cass County Office-Walker
Maple Township	Pine River City Hall/Cass County Office-Walker
May Township	Pillager City Hall/Cass County Office-Walker
McKinley Township	Pine River City Hall/Cass County Office-Walker
Meadow Brook Township	Pillager City Hall/Cass County Office-Walker
Moose Lake Township	Cass County Office-Walker
Motley-part in Cass County	Pillager City Hall/Cass County Office-Walker
Ottertail Peninsula	Leech Lake Reservation Tribal Headquarters/Cass Co.
Pike Bay Township	Leech Lake Reservation Tribal Headquarters/Cass Co.
Pillager	Pillager City Hall/Cass County Office-Walker
Pine Lake Township	Cass County Office-Walker
Pine River	Pine River City Hall/Cass County Office-Walker
Pine River Township	Pine River City Hall/Cass County Office-Walker
Ponto Lake Township	Pine River City Hall/Cass County Office-Walker
Poplar Township	Cass County Office-Walker
Powers Township	Cass County Office-Walker
Remer	Cass County Office-Walker
Remer Township	Cass County Office-Walker
Rogers Point Unorg.	Cass County Office-Walker
Rogers Township	Cass County Office-Walker
Salem Township	Cass County Office-Walker
Shingobee Township P-1	Cass County Office-Walker
Shingobee Township P-2	Cass County Office-Walker
Slater Township	Cass County Office-Walker
Smoky Hollow Township	Cass County Office-Walker
Sucker Lakes Unorg.	Leech Lake Reservation Tribal Headquarters/Cass Co.
Sylvan Township	Sylvan Town Hall
Thunder Lake Township	Cass County Office-Walker
Torrey Township	Cass County Office-Walker
Trelipe Township	Cass County Office-Walker
Turtle Lake Township	Cass County Office-Walker
Wabedo Township	Cass County Office-Walker
Wahnena Unorg.	Cass County Office-Walker
Walden Township	Pine River City Hall/Cass County Office-Walker
Walker	Cass County Office-Walker
Wilkinson Township	Leech Lake Reservation Tribal Headquarters/Cass Co.
Willow River Unorg.	Cass County Office-Walker
Wilson Township	Pine River City Hall/Cass County Office-Walker
Winnie Portage Unorg.	Leech Lake Reservation Tribal Headquarters/Cass Co.
Woodrow Township	Cass County Office-Walker

Why am I receiving absentee applications on campaign material or from other entities?

When applying for an absentee application Cass County Elections Department recommends requesting one through the Minnesota Secretary of State's Office or Cass County Courthouse.

I do not want to mail my ballot; what locations in Cass County can I drop my ballot off at?

You do not have to mail in your ballot. Starting September 18th, you can take it in person to Cass County Courthouse. The County has purchased three addition drop boxes that are expected to arrive approximately by October 9th, 2020 and will be placed inside the three early voting centers: Pillager City Hall, Pine River City Hall or Sylvan Township Hall.

What date will I expect to receive my ballot in the mail? (for Mail Ballot or Absentee Ballot voters)

Mail Ballots are processed by a third-party vendor and they are scheduled to be mailed out on September 30th, 2020. Absentee Ballot mailing starts on September 18th, 2020 and are processed by Cass County Elections. Depending on when you apply for an absentee ballot will depend on the mailing date. Mail ballot precincts in Cass County should see their ballot approximately 7 days after the mailing.

I did not receive my ballot what do I do?

You can go to the Secretary of States website <https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/AbsenteeBallotStatus.aspx> to check the status of your ballot or can contact Cass County Auditor/Treasurers Office at 218-547-7260.

Important dates to remember.

September 18th: This is the first day an absentee ballot can cast their vote.

October 27th: This is one week before the General Election; mail your ballot by this date to ensure it is delivered on time.

November 3rd: Election day and the last day you can mail your ballot. The rules this year state that mailed ballots do not need to be received by Election day but must be postmarked by Election day.

Another Note:

Cass County believes that the polling place precincts will do their best to protect the health and safety of voters and election judges to provide a clean, secure, accessible, and efficient polling place. The goal is to ensure that Cass County residents do not have to choose between their health and their right to vote. You may expect longer wait times and you may have to wait in your car or outside before being permitted inside the polling place to vote. If everyone can go into this election with patience and understanding Cass County is confident that it will go smoothly.

Please check our website <http://www.co.cass.mn.us/> for valuable information regarding Elections and Voting.