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Reduce the spread of COVID-19 with Absentee Ballots

[Florence, WI] –

In Wisconsin, any registered voter may apply for an absentee ballot and vote by mail. This may be a popular option for the older populations, disabled populations, and those who are immunosuppressed. According to the Department of Health Services (DHS), Division of Public Health, person-to-person spread of Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) is occurring in a growing number of regions globally, but the immediate health risk for the general public in Wisconsin remains low. Florence County and the state of Wisconsin are looking at ways our residents can reduce the spread of influenza and other respiratory viruses including COVID-19.

One way Florence County residents can reduce the spread of many diseases is with absentee ballots (aka “by-mail voting”) during the upcoming elections. Residents can request an absentee ballot by calling their township clerk before Election Day. The township clerk will send the ballot via postal mail. When sending the ballot back to the township, remember to seal envelopes with a moist towel versus human saliva. For updated information on COVID-19 visit <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/covid-19.htm>.

For more information, go to the Florence County Health Department webpage at <http://www.florencecountywi.com/>. The Florence County Health Department is located on the first floor of the courthouse. Need health insurance? Visit access.wi.gov to see if you qualify for benefits.

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