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Governor Cuomo Announces Absentee Ballot Portal is Now Open and Requests Can Be Made Directly Online

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All Registered New York Voters Can Request a Ballot Here

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced the launch of New York's absentee ballot portal (https://absenteeballot.elections.ny.gov/) where voters can directly request an absentee ballot for the upcoming November 3rd election. The Governor acted by Executive Order to allow any voter concerned about risk or exposure to COVID during the ongoing pandemic to request an absentee ballot.

"As the November election approaches we know that many voters feel vulnerable in the midst of this pandemic," **Governor Cuomo said.** "In line with the sweeping reforms we have implemented to make it easier for New Yorkers to exercise their right to vote, today we launch the online portal through which every registered voter concerned about COVID-19 can obtain an absentee ballot. Voting is the cornerstone of democracy and we want each and every voter to feel safe and secure in the exercise of voting."

Last month, Governor Cuomo signed into law sweeping election reforms (https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-signs-law-sweeping-election-reforms#_blank) that will make it easier for New Yorkers to vote and be counted in November. These new measures Include allowing absentee ballot applications to be submitted to the Board of Elections immediately, allowing a voter to get an absentee ballot due to risk or fear of illness including COVID-19 and ensuring all absentee ballots postmarked on or before Election Day or received by the Board of Elections without a postmark on the day after the Election will be counted. Ballots with a postmark demonstrating that they were mailed on or before Election Day will be counted if received by November 10.

The Governor also issued an executive order (https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-issues-executive-order-bolster-and-support-new-yorkers-right-vote#_blank) to bolster and support New Yorkers' right to vote. The order requires county boards of elections to take concrete steps to inform voters of upcoming deadlines, be prepared for upcoming elections and help ensure absentee ballots can be used in all elections.

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