

Today marked the close of Laramie County's 45-day early voting period which began Sept. 18 and ended with more than 14,000 voters casting their ballots early and in person. The County Clerk's office has received another 13,000 absentee mail ballots from voters. Voter registration at the close of early voting was 43,346—an increase of more than 4,700 voters.

The last day of early voting saw heavy turnout with lines of voters waiting patiently for several hours to cast their ballots.

Laramie County Clerk Debra Lee said more than 90 percent of those with absentee mail ballots have already returned them. Absentee ballots must be received at the County Clerk's office not later than 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 3, in order to be counted. State law requires that ballots arriving after the legal deadline cannot be counted.

Voters could request an absentee ballot for the General Election as early as January 1 and the deadline to request one was the day before the election—Nov. 2. Laramie County sent out more than 14,000 absentee ballots as compared to the 2,800 normally requested for a General Election.

On Tuesday, Election Day, voters will cast their ballots at any one of seven vote centers in the county. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. "Voters do not have to go to an assigned polling place but may choose the location most convenient to them," said Lee.

The locations are: Storey Gym, 2811 House Ave; David Romero Park, 1317 Parsley Blvd.; Laramie County Community College CCI Building, 1400 E. College Dr.; Cheyenne Frontier Days Events Center, 1230 W. 8th Ave.; North Christian Church, 2015 Tranquility Rd.; Event Center at Archer, 3801 Archer Pkwy.; and Pine Bluffs Community Center, 708 Lawson St.

Voters can enter their address on the Clerk's interactive election page and find the locations of the nearest centers and estimated waiting times at:
<https://maps.laramiecounty.com/votecenters/>

Lee said that while voters are encouraged to wear a face covering while waiting in line and inside the vote center, no voter will be turned away for not wearing a mask. Masks will be available to those voters who request them. Hand sanitizer, 'touch-free' voting, and socially distanced voting machines and check-in stations will be provided to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Wyoming's same day registration law allows those who are not currently registered to register and vote on Election Day. Lee reminds new registrants to bring their Wyoming driver's license or another government-issued identification if they do not have a Wyoming license.

Debra Lee
Laramie County Clerk
309 W 20th Street
Cheyenne, WY 82001
(307) 633-4264