

Do you ever wonder...

***What happens to ballots once they get taken out of the ballot box?***

Ballots are retrieved daily by a bi-partisan team.

Elections staff then date stamps and batches ballots which are then received into the Statewide Voter Registration System.

Batches of ballots are issued to a team of bi-partisan Election Judges for processing.

Ballots are scanned for tabulation by a team of bi-partisan Election Judges and placed in a sealed ballot box which is then secured in the Election Vault.

The scanned ballots are then tabulated after 7:00pm on Election Day by Election Staff.

Each of the processing steps are conducted by bi-partisan teams and chain of custody logs are completed and signed to ensure security of the ballots and all processes.

***Are the returned ballots verified manually?***

Yes, a bi-partisan team of Election Judges, who have attended signature verification training, verify the signatures on the returned ballot envelopes. These signatures are compared to the signatures on file within the voters' record.

***How long has Colorado been voting by mail?***

HB13-1303 was passed in 2013 and Colorado has been conducting Mail Ballot elections since. Mail Ballot Election does not mean that voters must return ballots by mail; voters have the option to use any of the drop off ballot box locations to return a voted ballot.

***Will I get my ballot in the mail?***

What **voters can do** to efficiently receive their ballot by mail in early October:

Check your voter registration and update your address and/or mailing address. It is not too early! Go to [www.govotecolorado.gov](http://www.govotecolorado.gov). This is particularly important for our voters that move frequently including Military and Overseas voters, younger voters/college students with new addresses due to COVID-19/remote learning, voters that have moved due to employment displacement.

***Will my ballot be received if I return it by mail? How will I know that it was received?***

If you choose to return by mail, mail no later than 8 days before Election Day. You may track your ballot at [www.govotecolorado.gov](http://www.govotecolorado.gov) or through your county clerk's ballot tracking program, if applicable.

The USPS has communicated assurances that the budget situation and operational plans will not impact political and election mail.

- Colorado county clerks use all tools and methods to prioritize efficient ballot delivery- Election Mail indicia and logo, first class postage for mailings closer to election day, Tag 181s for USPS processing visibility, ballot tracking for voters, voter options for hundreds of 24 hour and staffed ballot drop boxes throughout the state for timely ballot return
- Local election officials meet weekly with the USPS to share information and will communicate any issues or impacts promptly to voters
- Colorado's model of early ballot delivery, in person voting options, and hundreds of ballot drop-off locations provide choice and safeguards for voter access
  - Use mail ballot drop boxes to insure swift return of your ballot by Election Day

### ***Can I still vote in person?***

Yes, Voter Service and Polling Centers are available for in person voting for all Morgan County elections. In person voting is available beginning 15 days prior to Election Day. Voters may choose to vote on the accessible electronic voting equipment or vote a paper ballot.

In response to current pandemic situations, social distancing guidelines will be followed so you may want to come in prior to Election Day to avoid having to wait in line. Remember to bring your ID when you come to vote!

### ***Can I get a new ballot if I lost/spoiled mine?***

Yes, you can request a replacement ballot at the election office, at any of the Voter Service and Polling Centers or you may call the Election Department at (970) 542-3521 option 5 for assistance.

### ***Where can I drop off my voted ballot?***

In person at Morgan County Election Office at 231 Ensign Street, Fort Morgan, CO

Drop box locations:

In Fort Morgan at Morgan County Administration - 231 Ensign Street, West Alleyway, Fort Morgan, CO

In Brush at Brush City Hall - 600 Edison Street, Brush, CO

In Wiggins at Wiggins Town Hall - 304 Central Avenue, Wiggins

### ***Am I still registered to vote?***

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