

Dear Rye Voters:

As you undoubtedly know, America is holding a **General Election on Tuesday, November 3rd**. **The polls will be open at Rye Elementary School (RES) from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.** If you want your voice to be heard, please vote.

Returning Your Absentee Ballot

If you are voting by absentee ballot, your ballot must be received by election officials no later than 5 p.m. on election day. There are three ways you can return your absentee ballot: **(1) Mail it**. There is still time, but **don't delay**. If you are far away or time is short, **consider using an overnight delivery service**; **(2) Deliver it to the Town Clerk** at Town Hall during normal business hours up to 5 p.m. on November 2nd; or **(3) On Election Day** leave it in the **absentee ballot drop-box outside the polls** at RES, starting at 7:30 a.m. If you use the drop-box, **you must deliver your ballot by 5 p.m.** If you arrive after 5, you can still vote in person.

Check the status of your absentee ballot at app.sos.nh.gov/Public/AbsenteeBallot.aspx. If you think there's a problem, call the Town Clerk at 964-8562, or me at 964-1126.

Registering to Vote / Election Day Registration

You can still register to vote in advance until October 27th. Go to the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours, but no later than 5 p.m. on the 27th. You can also register with the Supervisors of the Checklist on the 27th at their meeting at Town Hall from 6 to 6:30 p.m. Even if you can't register in advance, **you can register to vote at the polls on Election day!**

Election Day at the Polls

As in the Primary, we are taking many steps to keep the polls safe and minimize possible exposure to Covid 19. We are also asking you to do your part to protect, not just yourself, but also other voters, election volunteers, observers, and especially those among us who may be particularly susceptible to acquiring the virus and the worst of its symptoms. To that end, **all voters, election workers and observers will be required to wear face masks inside RES. If you do not have a mask, one will be offered to you. If you cannot wear a mask, or choose not to, you will be offered an alternative place to vote inside the lobby that is protected from other voters but is fully accessible and subject to all the safeguards that apply to voting in the gymnasium, including a secure ballot box.** Voters will be asked not to linger and to leave the building immediately after voting. A 6-foot social distancing buffer will extend the "no-electioneering corridor" to protect voters from campaigners. Campaigners will not be permitted to stand to the right of the school entrance adjacent to the handicapped parking spaces.

Voter ID

Don't forget, New Hampshire requires voters to show a photo ID. It will speed the process, and make us safer, if you get your ID out before you reach the front of the line. If you don't have an ID, or don't wish to show one, you will be offered alternatives – you will not be turned away.

THANK YOU FOR EXERCISING YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE.

PLEASE SHARE THIS MESSAGE WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS.

Sincerely,

Bob Eaton

Rye Town Moderator