WHO CAN <u>VOTE BY MAIL</u> **IF** *registered* and *residing* in Travis County during the election period?

• 65 years+ on Election Day

• Sick or disabled, Includes medically vulnerable

The Travis County Clerk's Office Election Division states, "A voter who requests a mail ballot on the grounds of disability will be accepted as eligible for a mail ballot." <u>VOTER</u> <u>DISCRETION</u>: NO MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION OR DECLARATION OF SPECIFIC DISABILITY IS REQUIRED.

"A voter can take into consideration aspects of their health and their health history that are physical conditions in deciding whether, under the circumstances, to apply to vote by mail because of disability."

Austin Public Health COVID <u>Risk-based Guidelines</u> currently in effect state that higher risk individuals are to social distance and avoid gatherings of more than 10 people. In-person voting is anticipated to attract crowds, even during early voting. To stay safe, **consider voting by mail if you have medical conditions defined by Austin Public Health as higher risk**: Aged 65+, diabetes, high blood pressure, heart, lung and kidney disease, immunocompromised, obesity.

VOTE * EARLY * AND * SAFELY * WITH BALLOT BY MAIL

HOW DO I APPLY FOR A BALLOT BY MAIL?

Download the application by putting this in your browser: "**Application for Ballot by Mail** - **Travis County Clerk**." If you need a printed application, email Gail Goodrich Totten at <u>gailtotten@gmail.com</u> or call (512)892-7771.

IMPORTANT TO KNOW:

-Make and keep a copy or picture of the signature you use on your application. This signature **must exactly match** your signature on your mail ballot for your vote to count. As an extra precaution, put your **phone number** on the application so elections officials can contact you if they are concerned about signature discrepancies. You will get an opportunity to "cure" or fix the problem.

-If you fax or email your application, don't forget to **mail the application to the County Clerk's Office immediately as well**, <u>as</u> <u>explained in the instructions</u>, or it will not be processed.

-Submit your application **ASAP** to assure that your ballot is sent to you timely and you can submit your voted ballot within the required time to be counted! *Applications <u>received</u> <u>after October 23</u> will not be processed.*

-To avoid Post Office delays, you can hand deliver your application <u>through Oct. 12</u> to the Travis County Election Division, 5501 Airport Boulevard, Suite 100, Austin, TX, Monday through Friday, 8 am. To 5 pm.

HOW CAN I HAND-DELIVER MY BALLOT?

AVOID POST OFFICE DELAYS. Hand deliver your voted mail ballot. A voter who delivers a marked ballot in person can only deliver **their own ballot** and must present an acceptable form of **identification**.

Drive-Through Locations:

- 5501 Airport Blvd., Austin, TX. Tax Office drive thru payment lanes
- Travis County, 700 Lavaca Parking Garage, Austin, TX.
 <u>2 entrances</u>, Lavaca St. and Guadalupe St.
- Travis County, 1010 Lavaca Parking Lot, Austin, TX.
 Enter from W. 11th St.
 between Guadalupe and Lavaca

Hours:

Thurs. Oct 1 – Mon. Oct 12: 8AM-5 PM M-F Tues. Oct 13 – Sun. Nov 1: 7AM-7 PM M-Sat 12-6 PM Sunday Mon. Nov 2: 8 AM-5 PM Tues. November 3: 7 AM-7 PM

Prefer to mail in your ballot? Mail it immediately after marking and signing it. Your mail ballot must be postmarked by November 3 and received by November 4. Make sure your vote counts! Vote Early.

VOTE BY MAIL TIPS

If you filled out an application earlier in the year and checked <u>Annual</u>, you do not need to apply again. To double-check your vote by mail status, call the Travis County Clerk at **(512) 854-4996**.

You can also call the Travis County Clerk at **(512) 854-4996** to make sure your application was received, and learn about when your ballot was mailed or will be mailed to you.

If you receive a mail ballot, but later decide to vote in person, take your mail ballot with you. Once you surrender your unvoted mail ballot at the poll you can vote in-person.

If you don't receive your mail ballot in time you can still vote in person. Your ballot status will be "provisional" until election workers verify that you have not also submitted a mail ballot. Once that is verified, your vote will be counted the same as any other in-person ballot.

<u>Remember</u>: You can always vote as long as you are registered!

Questions? Need help? Contact: tcap78735@gmail.com