NEW MEXICO’S
Emergency Voting Procedures

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New Mexico Basics

- Global Pandemic
- Natural Disaster
- Accessibility
- Communication
- Emergency Voting Provisions
- Election Security Considerations
The Emergency Responder provision was created to ensure that emergency response providers could participate in elections while temporarily stationed away from home.

This provision has aided NM FEMA workers, fire fighters/forestry service and homeland security personnel, as well as other first responders.
First responders and other health care workers who were temporarily stationed away from their homes, tasked with providing support to our communities in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Election administrators across the state also received requests from individuals battling wildfires across the Southwest region.
The Legislative Highlights....

- Cannot use FPCA form or FWAB ballot.
- Must receive emergency response orders within 35 days of an election.
- Must be in another county.
- The emergency must be declared by the President or the Governor.
Individual assigned within 35 days of the election.

Request Ballot
Request Ballot using paper form or SOS online portal.

Emergency Declared
Individual assigned within 35 days of the election.

Ballot Sent
County clerks transmit ballot and materials by mail or via secure electronic transmission.

Must be received by county clerk no later than 7:00pm on Election Day.

Ballot Returned
Covid 19 Pandemic

• Unpredictable
• In-Person Voting Limitations
• Mailed ballot statutory deadline
Emergency Voting Procedures

**Voter Request**
- Deadline to request a ballot by mail has past.
- Voter is unable to vote in person due to unforeseen illness or medical disability

**Ballot Delivery**
- Provisional ballot request
- Written form to county clerk
- Signed by voter and health care provider.
- Designee to deliver ballot by written designation

**Process**
- Prescribed form
- Updated guidance and procedures
- Communication effort
- Future automation
Thanks!

Do you have any questions?

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