



How to Vote in Wisconsin: Hospitalized and Quarantined Electors

Any Wisconsin voter who is currently quarantined in their home due to COVID-19 may follow the state’s “hospitalized elector” process. Under state law, a hospitalized or quarantined elector may assign an agent (any qualified elector of the voter’s choosing) to deliver their ballot to their municipal clerk’s office. Please read below for a step-by-step guide to this process.

The below information is from the Wisconsin Elections Commission’s “Hospitalized Electors and Public Health Guidance” document.

Step 1

The voter assigns an agent to carry materials between the quarantined voter and their municipal clerk’s office. The agent can be any qualified elector of the voter’s choosing.

Step 2

The voter washes their hands before filling out any required paperwork and takes extra care not to cough on ballot materials. The voter fills out an absentee ballot application and, if necessary, a voter registration application. With the application(s) the voter also needs to provide a copy of their photo ID (or the original ID) and, if registering to vote, their proof of residence document. The voter places these materials on their front step, in a mailbox, etc. for the agent to retrieve. If time allows, it is recommended that the voter put the materials in a bag, so the agent does not need to touch the materials directly, and allow the materials to sit untouched for 24 hours before the application materials are retrieved.



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Step 3

Upon retrieving, the agent completes the agent section on the quarantined voter's absentee ballot application. The agent then brings the application(s) and related materials to the voter's municipal clerk's office. The agent should wash their hands before and after touching the voter's application materials.

Step 4

The agent presents the quarantined voter's application materials to their municipal clerk's office. The agent also needs to present their own photo ID.

Step 5

The municipal clerk issues the quarantined voter's ballot and ballot materials to the agent.

Step 6

The agent brings the ballot and ballot materials back to the quarantined voter. Again, the agent can place the materials on the voter's front step, in a mailbox, etc.

Step 7

Before retrieving their ballot and ballot materials, the quarantined voter should wash their hands and take extra care not to cough on the ballot materials.

Step 8

The quarantined voter will need someone to witness their ballot. The agent may witness the voter marking their ballot through a window, open door, etc. The quarantined voter marks their ballot and completes the voter certification. The agent/witness would then sign and complete their address information on the certificate envelope and leave it outside for the voter to collect. The voter collects the envelope, puts their voted ballot in it and places the envelope back outside for the agent to collect. Again, ideally the quarantined voter would place their voted ballot in a bag and leave it untouched for 24 hours before the agent retrieves it.



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Step 9

The agent delivers the voted ballot back to the quarantined voter's municipal clerk's office. The preferred method of delivery would be for the agent to hand-deliver the voted ballot to the municipal clerk's office or polling place on Election Day to ensure it is received by 8 p.m. on Election Day. (Per the Postal Service's recommendation, the agent should **not** return the voted ballot by mail.) The agent should wash their hands after handling the voted ballot.

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