Extended Emergency Absentee Voting Policy
Primary Election – May 12, 2026

Policy

The Jefferson County Commission will extend emergency absentee voting to voters who have been admitted to an approved hospital or duly licensed health care facility no earlier than three (3) days preceding the election and no later than noon on Election Day.

Provisions

The emergency absentee policy is extended to the following:

- Jefferson Medical Center
- Berkeley Medical Center
- Martinsburg VA Medical Center
- Winchester Medical Center
- Hospice of the Panhandle Inpatient Facility

Procedures

The voter or immediate family member requests an emergency absentee ballot from the County Clerk's Office no later than noon on Election Day.

The clerk's office will provide two (2) employees of opposite political party the *Application for Voting an Emergency Absentee Voter's Ballot*, *Declaration of Emergency Absentee Ballot Commissioners*, ballot and all absentee materials needed to vote.

The team of two (2) will deliver the materials to the voter and will await the completion of the application and ballot. If the voter is assisted in voting, the clerk employees or a person of the voter's choice must sign the *Absent Voter's Ballot Envelope No. 2* on the line provided for the "Name of Person Giving Assistance".

The voter must be able to sign the application. Power-of-attorney is not valid for voting.

The application and voted ballot will be returned to the courthouse and the clerks must sign an oath that no person other than the voter voted the ballot.

The Jefferson County Commission approved the policy on the 5th day of February 2026.

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Commission President

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County Clerk