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County of Berks – Press Release

Berks County Election Services working to expedite delivery of outstanding mail-in ballots

Reading, PA— 5/12/2022 — The Berks County Office of Election Services is aware of concerns about the delivery of some mail-in ballots for the General Primary election on May 17. Based on mail tracking information, more than 15,000 of the roughly 19,000 mail-in ballots that were shipped have been successfully delivered. The County is working with the postal service to locate where the outstanding 4,000 ballots are within the postal system and is working to expedite a solution.

If a voter is concerned about not receiving their mail-in ballot in time, the voter may pursue one of the following options:

- Stop by the Office of Election Services to cancel the first mail-in ballot and receive a new mail-in ballot. The office is located on the first floor of the Berks County Services Center at 633 Court Street, Reading. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays.
- Go to their polling location on Election Day and vote by provisional ballot. All provisional ballots are reviewed by elections staff after Election Day to determine that the voter did not vote by another means and are otherwise eligible to vote. If accepted, the vote counts just like any other vote that is issued.
- Voters who receive their mail-in ballot, but are concerned about returning it in time or would prefer to vote in person, can opt to surrender their mail-in ballot at their polling location on Election Day and vote on the machine. Completed mail-in ballots can not be submitted at polling locations. Completed ballots can be submitted at either of the County's two secure drop boxes, which will be open on Election Day from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. when polls close. The drop boxes are located at the Berks County Services Center and the Berks County Agricultural Center. There is a current construction project that is

creating a detour to get to the Agricultural Center. More information about the detour can be [found here](#).

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