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Bureau of Elections Continues its Count of Mail-In and Absentee Ballots

Carlisle, PA – The Cumberland County Bureau of Elections continues to count the more than 31,000 mail-in and absentee ballots from the June 2 Primary Election. In addition to installing new voting machines at all 118 polling places, the county is working for the first time with mail-in ballots.

“We began counting on Wednesday morning after the Primary Election,” said Bethany Salzarulo, Cumberland County Bureau of Elections Director. “The process is very detail oriented beginning with the verification of the voter’s declaration, comparing it to the registered absentee and mail in voter file, and then the ballots are counted.”

With more than 27,600 in person votes, the mail-in and absentee ballots will be the majority of votes cast in Cumberland County.

County officials have eight days after the Primary Election to complete the count of mail-in and absentee ballots. The count must be completed by, Wednesday, June 10.

Once all ballots are counted, the results will be posted on Cumberland County’s [Election Results Website](#).

For the canvassing process, Act 12 provides that "one authorized representative of each candidate in an election and one representative from each political party shall be permitted to remain in the room in which the absentee ballots and mail-in ballots are canvassed." The Act does not permit members of the general public to attend and watch the canvass process. In addition, we are cognizant of the Governor's restrictions on group size gatherings, social distancing requirements, and the county being closed to the public, all due to the COVID-19 pandemic."

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