Can anyone vote absentee?

Yes, if you are a registered voter and you will be absent on Election Day from Chesapeake because of the following:

• Student attending school
• Spouse of student attending school
• Business
• Personal business or vacation
• Active duty in the Merchant Marine or Armed Forces
• Spouse or dependent living with an active duty member in the Merchant Marine or Armed Forces
• Temporarily residing outside the U.S. for employment or spouse or dependent
• First Responder
• Protective Court Order
• Disability or illness
• First Responder residing with employee
• Business
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How do I get the ballot?

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When are the polls open?

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What is the last day to vote?

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