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Note, by request of teachers we have included the answers to the questions immediately following the questions on a separate worksheet.

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Use the article titled:

**Vote by mail, early voting shaped by COVID safety needs**

1. When is the upcoming election?
2. How many Illinoisans have requested vote by mail ballots?
3. What is the deadline for requesting a vote by mail ballot?
4. What legislation did the General Assembly pass that impacts school students on election day?
5. List three ways elections will follow COVID-19 guidelines.
6. If you were voting age, would you request a vote by mail ballot? Why or why not?

Answers

1. November 3, 2020
2. 1.23 million have requested vote by mail ballots
3. Technically, voters can request vote by mail ballots until October 29, but the State Board of Elections recommends October 15.
4. Election day is now a holiday for schools and state employees.
5. On election day, masks will be encouraged, as will social distancing. Voters may find plexiglass shields between them and election officials, ballot covers and writing utensils will be disinfected between voters or will be single use items.
6. Answers will vary.