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## Maryland - 2020 General Election

### VOTER REGISTRATION

The Maryland voter registration deadline is Tuesday, October 13th.

- To register to vote online by October 13th, [click here](#).
  - If you do not have a state ID, you can use a paper form to register. The form is available for download in [English](#), [Spanish](#), [Traditional Chinese](#), [Simplified Chinese](#), and [Korean](#).
  - If you don't have access to a printer, [contact your local election board](#) and request an application be sent to you by mail.
- To check on the status of your registration (confirm your information is up to date), [click here](#).
- If you have a felony conviction, but are not currently incarcerated – you have the right to vote in this election. Still unsure? [Click here to learn if you're eligible](#).
  - People who are currently incarcerated (in pre-trial detention or convicted of a misdemeanor) are eligible to vote in elections.

If you are an eligible voter who missed the registration deadline, same-day registration is available at all in-person voting centers during the early voting period and on Election Day.

### VOTING BY MAIL

Requests for a mail-in ballot must be received by October 20th.

- To request your mail-in ballot using the online request form, [click here](#).
  - If you do not have a state ID, you can use a paper request form. The form is available for download in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).
  - Check your mail: If you were registered to vote before August 6 at your current address, you should receive an application in the mail around August 28-September 4 (depending on where you live). A pre-paid return envelope will also be included. We still recommend using the online request for if able.
  - To watch a video covering how to request a mail-in ballot, [click here](#).
- To confirm your request for a mail-in ballot has been received, [click here](#). Please note that it can take up to 10 days for your request to appear online. If more than 10 days, contact your local board before the request deadline.

If you request your ballot be sent to you electronically (via email), you need to be able to print and provide your own envelope and postage to submit that ballot. These ballots cannot be returned by email (your vote will not be counted). We recommend using this option only if you need to use an electronic ballot marking device.

## IN-PERSON VOTING

If you choose to vote in person, we encourage you to vote early. This way you reduce the risk of running out of time, standing in line, or possible last-minute changes caused by COVID-19.

Early voting will be available from Monday, Oct. 26th to Monday, Nov. 2nd. These locations will be open from 7am to 8pm on all days. Voters can go to any location in their county to vote.

- To view the list of early voting locations in your county, [click here](#).
  - To search early voting centers by county, [click here](#).
- To view the list of Election Day vote centers in your county, [click here](#).
  - To search voting locations by county, [click here](#).

Voters choosing to vote in-person should wear a mask and practice social-distancing.

## NONPARTISAN VOTER GUIDE

Learn where candidates running for office in your community stand on the issues and find information about the questions on your ballot. You can print or email the information to use as a reference when you actually vote. To learn more about what's on your ballot, visit [lwvmd.org/2020\\_voters\\_guides](http://lwvmd.org/2020_voters_guides)

## VOTING & RETURNING YOUR BALLOT

- Ballots for this election will start to be mailed to voters who submitted requests on Sept. 24th.
- When you receive your ballot, fill in the oval to the left of your candidate choice.
- After voting your ballot, seal, sign and date the oath on the return envelope using a black pen.
- We recommend returning your voted ballot using a secure drop box. For a list of locations in your county, [click here](#).
  - To search ballot drop-off boxes by county, [click here](#).
- If returning your voted ballot by mail, send no later than Oct. 27th to allow a full week for delivery (avoiding any delays). No stamp is required.
- Make sure your ballot is not rejected! Sign the return envelope and make sure your ballot is postmarked on or before November 3rd (by 8pm).
- To track your voted ballot, [click here](#).

## NEED ASSISTANCE?

Contact your local board of election: [full list here](#)

Local boards of election unable to assist, **contact an Election Protection hotline below:**

866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683) – English language hotline

888-VE-Y-VOTA (888-839-8682) – Spanish language hotline

888-API-VOTE (888-274-8683) – Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Bengali, Hindi, Urdu and Tagalog hotline



844-YALLA-US (844-925-5287) – Arabic language hotline  
American Sign Language video call number: 301-818-VOTE (301-818-8683)