HEALTH & SAFETY AT THE POLLS

The Virginia Department of Elections will provide all localities with masks, gloves, face shields, sanitizers and disinfectant. Volunteer public health professionals from the Medical Reserve Corps will be on-site to sanitize as voters leave.

How Voters Can Help

- wear a mask
- sanitize hands before and after voting
- vote at off-peak times (mid-morning or afternoon)
- do not bring children
- review a sample ballot beforehand to save time inside polling location
- maintain 6ft. physical distancing in line and inside polling location

Shorter lines
Smaller crowds
Safer spaces

CONTINUITY AT THE POLLS

The Virginia Department of Elections has a long-standing Continuity of Operations Plan in place to coordinate with federal and state agencies available to respond to any emergencies on Election Day.

DEADLINES

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If you haven't voted since the 2016 election, you should plan on voting during the November General Election to avoid going on a list of potential inactive voters who will be purged from the voter rolls. The Virginia Department of Elections will notify you by mail before removing you.

We encourage you to be a Faithful Citizen and VOTE!

What's On Your Ballot

- President
- Congress (Senator & Representative)
- Local
- Virginia Constitutional Amendments
  - Redistricting - transfers the power to draw congressional and state legislative districts from state legislators to a commission to be made up of 8 legislators and 8 citizens or to the Virginia Supreme Court
  - Property Tax - exempts one major motor vehicle owned by a totally disabled veteran from property taxes

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PROBLEMS AT THE POLLS?

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**VOTE BY MAIL**

**APPLYING FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS**

Voters no longer need to provide a reason to vote by mail. You can submit your application for an absentee ballot:

- Online at the Citizens Portal URL above
- By mailing or faxing a printed application available thru the Citizens Portal URL above

**COMPLETING ABSENTEE BALLOTS**

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**RETURNING ABSENTEE BALLOTS**

The US Postal Service changed its delivery standards in 2019. First Class delivery is now 2-5 days and Standard delivery is now 2-9 days. We encourage you to drop off your absentee ballot in-person at your local General Registrar Office, especially if you have not mailed it by Oct. 23 (about a week and half before Election Day). You must show your photo ID or approved proof of residency (see next column) to drop off your ballot. You cannot drop off a ballot for anyone else.

Early Voting In-Person (On-Site Absentee) begins Sept. 18. Many local elections offices operate curbside/drive-thru in-person voting and absentee ballot drop-offs. State funding has enabled local offices to provide ballot drop boxes. Check your county’s website, not the state elections portal, for accurate details on the hours and locations to drop off your ballot.

**COLLEGE STUDENT VOTERS**

Every voter in Virginia must submit their residential address when registering to vote. A dormitory or college address can be an acceptable residential address. Students who will be absent from the locality where they are registered to vote because they attend school in another locality are eligible to vote by mail using an absentee ballot.

You can vote if:

- You are a citizen of the United States
- You are a resident of Virginia
- You are at least 18 years of age at Election Day (Nov. 3, 2020)
- You had your voting rights restored if convicted of a felony or declared mentally incapacitated

A photo ID is no longer required to vote. You can now present proof of residency.

If you forget your photo ID or don’t have one, you can still vote in Virginia as of July 1, 2020. You must provide proof of your residency, such as a lease or utility bill; then sign an affidavit affirming your identity under penalty of law; then you will be given a regular ballot to vote. No more provisional ballots and follow-up needed in order for your vote to count.

**POLLs ARE OPEN**

6AM - 7PM

If you have not returned your absentee ballot by Election Day and it is easier to get to your local polling place to vote than your General Registrar Office, you MUST bring your absentee ballot there instead to turn it in to receive a paper ballot, and then you can vote in-person on Election Day.

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