

VOTING SAFELY DURING COVID-19

Election Day is **Tuesday, November 3, 2020**. You can vote safely by [voting early](#) at certain polling sites, [in person](#) on Election Day, or at home by [absentee ballot](#).

Voting directly influences the conditions of your community, such as better housing, educational opportunities, health care and access to healthy foods — all of which can lead to better health outcomes for you and your family.



Register to Vote

The last day to register to vote this year is **Friday, October 9, 2020**. You can [register online](#), [in person](#) or by [mail](#).

- If you have a driver's license, permit or non-driver ID and Social Security number, you can **register to vote online** by visiting voterreg.dmv.ny.gov/MotorVoter.
- To **register by mail**, visit vote.nyc/page/register-vote to download a registration form. You may also obtain forms from libraries (find locations in the [Bronx](#), [Manhattan](#), [Staten Island](#), [Brooklyn](#), and [Queens](#)), [post offices](#), and many [NYC government agencies](#). You can also request a form be mailed to you by calling 866-VOTE-NYC (866-868-3692) or by emailing your mailing address to vote@boe.nyc.ny.us with the name of your borough in the subject line.
 - Once completed and signed, mail the form to your county's Board of Elections address (see the back of the form).
 - Make sure your form is postmarked by **Friday, October 9, 2020**.
- To **check if you are already registered to vote**, visit nycvotersearch.com or call 866-868-3692.
- To find the **location of your polling site**, visit findmypollsite.vote.nyc.



Staying Safe While Voting in Person

Follow these steps to make sure you and the people around you stay safe and healthy:

- **Wear a face covering.** Face coverings are required to enter all polling sites. Protect those around you and wear a face covering correctly (over your nose and mouth).
- **Practice healthy hand hygiene.** Polling sites will provide hand sanitizer, and you can also bring your own. Use hand sanitizer before and after touching any shared surfaces, and wash your hands with soap and water immediately after you get home. Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands.
- **Practice physical distancing.** Polling places will be set up to ensure physical distancing. Follow instructions and stay at least 6 feet away from others while at your polling site.
- **Avoid long lines and crowds.** If you can, **vote early**, before Election Day or go when your voting center is less busy, usually mid-morning or early afternoon.

- **Stay home if you are sick.** Voting is important, but it's more important that you get better before you leave your home and that you help prevent others from getting sick. If you don't have an [absentee ballot](#), contact [your county's Board of Elections office](#) for guidance about your voting options.



Early Voting

New Yorkers have the option to vote early. Early voting starts on **Saturday, October 24, 2020** and ends on **Sunday, November 1, 2020**.

- Your early voting site may be different than your regular location. Visit findmypollsite.vote.nyc to learn which site you should go to.
- Early voting sites will be open:
 - Saturday, October 24, 2020, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 - Sunday, October 25, 2020, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 - Monday, October 26, 2020, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 - Tuesday, October 27, 2020, noon to 8 p.m.
 - Wednesday, October 28, 2020, noon to 8 p.m.
 - Thursday, October 29, 2020, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 - Friday, October 30, 2020, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 - Saturday, October 31, 2020, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 - Sunday, November 1, 2020, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Voting From Home by Absentee Ballot

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all New Yorkers have the option to request an absentee ballot and vote by mail.

- To learn how to request an absentee ballot, visit vote.nyc/page/absentee-voting.
- The last day to request an absentee ballot online or by mail, email, phone or fax is **Tuesday, October 27, 2020**. However, the Post Office has warned that they cannot guarantee you will receive your ballot on time unless you **submit the request before October 20, 2020**.
 - The last day to request an absentee ballot in person is **Monday, November 2, 2020**.

Once you receive your absentee ballot, you may return it vial mail or in-person. Be sure to follow the instructions exactly – this is critical to ensure your ballot is counted.

- If you plan to mail your ballot, it must be postmarked by **Tuesday, November 3, 2020**, though the Post Office recommends mailing it back by **Tuesday, October 27, 2020** to ensure it is received on time.
 - Mailing in your absentee ballot **does** require postage. Make sure you have stamps on hand and that you add enough to mail your ballot out.
 - You can track your ballot at nysballot.elections.ny.gov/TrackMyBallot to make sure it was received.
- Ballots can also be delivered in person to your polling site or county's Board of Elections office on November 3, 2020.