



## 2020 Voter Information

### Frequently Asked Questions

As of September 29, 2020

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#### Key Election Details:

- **Find Your Polling Place**
  - Visit <https://voterlookup.ohiosos.gov/> or call your county board of elections.
- **Absentee Ballots/ Vote-by-Mail**
  - Deadline to request an absentee (vote-by-mail) ballot – Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at noon. ***Request your absentee ballot as soon as possible!***
  - If returned by mail, absentee ballots must be postmarked by Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and received by the board of elections no later than 10 days after the election. ***Mail your completed ballot as soon as possible!***
  - If returned in person, absentee ballots must be deposited in the county drop box outside the board of elections, or given to an employee at the board of elections by 7:30pm on Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- **Early Voting Begins – Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>** – for specific early, in-person voting dates and times visit [OhioVoteCenter.org](http://OhioVoteCenter.org).
- **Election Day – Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**
  - The polls will be open from 6:30am to 7:30pm.

#### Frequently Asked Questions:

- **Questions about voting? Experience a problem casting your ballot?**
  - Call the Election Protection Hotline at 1.866.OUR.VOTE (1.866.687.8683).
- **Absentee Ballots/ Vote-by-Mail**
  - **When will I receive my absentee ballot?**
    - Ballots begin to be mailed on Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.
    - You can track your absentee ballot request online at <https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/toolkit/ballot-tracking/>.
  - **Do I need to put a stamp on my absentee ballot if I drop it off at my county board of elections' secure drop box?**
    - No. No postage is required to use the secure drop box.
  - **Do I need to put a stamp on my absentee ballot to return it by mail?**
    - Yes. You need to add postage to your absentee ballot if returning it by mail. The exact amount of postage will be public after ballots begin to be sent to voters on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Visit [MyOhioVote.com](http://MyOhioVote.com) or call your local board of elections to find this information.

- **Can a relative return my absentee ballot to the board of elections for me?**
  - *Near relatives* can return your completed absentee ballot.
  - This includes your spouse, father, mother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, grandfather, grandmother, brother, half-brother, sister, half-sister, son, daughter, adopting parent, adopted child, stepparent, stepchild, uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece.
- **What if I lose my absentee ballot or it does not arrive on time?**
  - You can contact your county board of elections and request that they send a replacement ballot;
  - You can cast a *regular* ballot by voting early in-person at your board of elections or early vote center; **or**
  - You can vote by going to your assigned polling place on Election Day and completing a *provisional* ballot.
- **Will the polls be open on Election Day?**
  - As of September 2020, in person, Election Day voting is still scheduled.
  - Visit [MyOhioVote.com](https://www.MyOhioVote.com) or call your local board of elections for updated information.
- **What Identification do I need to vote?**
  - To **request an absentee ballot**, or **if voting early in person**, you must provide either your
    - Ohio driver's license number (*begins with two letters followed by six numbers*); the last four digits of your Social Security number; or a copy of a current and valid photo identification, a military identification, or a current (*within the last 12 months*) utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document (other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a board of elections) that shows your name and current address.
  - If **voting in person on Election Day**, you must provide either a
    - Photo ID card with your name and current address, like a driver license or state ID card; other government ID with your name and current address (*U.S. Passports and student IDs are not accepted*); U.S. military ID card with your name and photo (*address not required*); or a document that shows your name and current address such as utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check, or other government document like social security or Ohio Job and Family Services benefit letter that has been issued within the past 12 months.
  - *\*Driver licenses or state ID cards set to expire on or after March 9, 2020 remain valid through the November 3, 2020 General Election due to COVID-19.*

**Visit [OhioVoteCenter.org](https://www.OhioVoteCenter.org) for more information.**

**Problems casting your ballot? Call 1.866.OUR.VOTE.**