How to Vote: DC General Election 2020

You have the right to vote in the November 2020 General Election, even if you live in a shelter, group home, nursing home, hospital, or incarcerated in jail or prison.

To register to vote, or update your name or address, contact the Board of Elections (BOE) by phone 202-727-2525, by mail (1015 Half Street SE, Suite 750 Washington, DC 20003), or online: www.vote4DC.com by October 13, 2020. If you miss this deadline, you can vote in person by registering at a voting center.

You cannot visit the Board of Elections office in person, it is closed to the public until further notice from the Board.

To Vote by Mail

1. The BOE will mail an absentee (mail-in) ballot if you are registered to vote to your mailing address beginning the week of October 5, 2020.

2. If you are blind, have low vision, have a physical and/or learning disability that makes it hard for you to read, write, sign, or use paper and need to request an accessible absentee ballot through OmniBallot, BOE’s accessible alternative to paper absentee ballots, please contact the BOE’s ADA Coordinator via email at tjennings@dcboe.org or by phone 202-253-1741 / 711 (TTY).

If you do not receive your ballot in the mail, call the Board at 202-741-5283 from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. You still have the right to vote in person at any voting center.

You must fill out the absentee ballot, then sign the outside envelope flap. Your mailed ballot to the Board must be postmarked on or before November 3, 2020, so that it is received no later than Friday, November 13, 2020.
You may also return your absentee ballot in person to any voting center when they are open or you can drop the ballot in one of at least 50 planned ballot drop boxes across DC. Voting center and drop box locations and hours will be available on DC BOE’s website (below).

Confirm your ballot has been received by calling the Board of Elections at 202-741-5283 from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM or going to: https://www.dcboe.org/Voters/Absentee-Voting/Track-Absentee-Ballot

To Vote in Person at a Voting Center

You have the right to vote in person at any voting center. You can also register to vote and update your registration information at any voting center. There will be at least 32 voting centers for Early voting and at least 95 voting centers on General Election Day, open on these dates:

- Early voting (Tuesday, October 27, 2020 through Monday, November 2, 2020) from 8:30 AM – 7:00 PM.
- General Election Day (November 3, 2020) from 7 AM – 8 PM.

Voting center locations will be listed here: https://earlyvoting.dcboe.org/

You have the right to vote inside any voting center in private.
- All voting centers should have ramps or flat entries for you to use.
- If you need help, you can bring anyone with you into the voting booth.

You can also vote curbside (from your car or at the sidewalk) in front of the polling place. If you choose to vote this way, a poll worker will give you a paper ballot to fill out and return right away.

Need Assistance with voting, registration, or absentee ballots?
- Call the Board of Elections at 202-727-2525
- Board of Elections (Spanish): 800-546-5111

For access for people who are deaf or hard of hearing, use DC Relay by dialing 711 or the numbers below:
- TTY (Text Telephone): 800-643-3768/Spanish TTY:800-546-7111
- Voice: 800-643-3769
- STS (Speech to Speech): 800-898-0740