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2020 Voter Information Guide

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3

Request your mail ballot TODAY at mnvotes.org/absentee

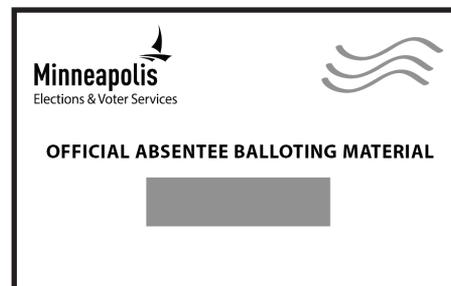
Get a list of candidates and a sample ballot at myballotmn.sos.state.mn.us



Vote by mail - Recommended for 2020!

We recommend that you stay at home and vote by mail.

To minimize direct contact with others, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention encourages voting by mail this year.



1 Apply for a ballot

All Minnesota voters are eligible to vote by mail. If you need to register or update your registration, we will send you a voter registration application with your ballot. We recommend applying for a mail ballot by Oct. 20, at least two weeks before Election Day on Nov. 3. This should give you enough time to receive and return your ballot.

If you have already applied for a mail ballot, you can confirm your application has been received and processed at: mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/AbsenteeBallotStatus.aspx

Apply online now: mnvotes.org/absentee

For a paper application, call Minneapolis 311 (612-673-3000).

2 Receive your ballot and vote

When you receive your ballot in the mail, follow all instructions and complete all paperwork. If we sent you a voter registration application, complete and return it with your ballot even if you think you are already registered.

3 Return your ballot

Return your ballot by mail as soon as possible using the postage-paid envelope. To count, your ballot must be postmarked on or before Election Day (Nov. 3) and received by Nov. 10.

Drop your ballot off in person by 3 p.m. on Election Day. For hours and locations, call Minneapolis 311 or visit vote.minneapolisismn.gov.

You cannot drop your ballot off at a polling place on Election Day.

Mail ballot return options will be posted at vote.minneapolisismn.gov and on our social media closer to Election Day.

Next steps 



Vote by mail (continued)

4 Confirm your ballot is counted

Use this online tool to see that your ballot has been counted: mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/AbsenteeBallotStatus.aspx

If you did not fill out the signature envelope correctly, we will mail you replacement materials, including an explanation for why it was rejected. If there are fewer than five days before Election Day, we will try to contact you by phone or email. In this case, we cannot get you replacement materials in time. You will need to vote in person at an Early Vote Center (time permitting) or at your polling place on Election Day.

5 Additional questions? Visit vote.minneapolismn.gov or call Minneapolis 311.



Common questions about voting by mail

When will I get my mail ballot?

You can expect to receive your ballot up to seven days after your application is submitted. You can track your ballot status at mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/AbsenteeBallotStatus.aspx

Does my ballot need to be returned by Election Day or just postmarked by then?

For your ballot to count, it must be postmarked on or before Election Day (Nov. 3) and received by Nov. 10. Although not a requirement, we recommend mailing your ballot back by Oct. 27. You can also drop off your ballot in person until 3 p.m. on Election Day. Mail ballots cannot be dropped off at polling places. For drop off details, call Minneapolis 311 or visit vote.minneapolismn.gov.

Do I need to have a witness sign my ballot signature envelope?

Your mail ballot instructions will say whether or not you need a witness.

I applied to vote by mail. Can I vote in person instead?

You can vote in person as long as we have not yet received and counted your mail ballot. When you get to your polling place, we will check if it has been counted. If it has not been counted, you will be given a new ballot. Your mail ballot will be cancelled and will not count (even if we receive it later).

I'm in the hospital or a nursing home. How can I get my ballot?

Special options are available to voters in hospitals or Minneapolis health-care facilities. Call Minneapolis 311 for more information.

More information on voting by mail: vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/bymail



Vote early in person

The Early Vote Center at **980 E. Hennepin Ave.** is open **Sept. 18 to Nov. 2**. You can also vote early at the Hennepin County Government Center (300 S. Sixth St. - skyway level). For the final seven days of early voting, we will open two additional locations. Minneapolis residents may vote early at any Early Vote Center location below. Remember, Early Vote Centers are not open for voting on Election Day.

Opens	Location	Address	Hours
Sept. 18	Minneapolis Elections & Voter Services Early Vote Center <i>Minneapolis residents only</i>	980 E. Hennepin Ave.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 a - 4:30 p, Mon-Fri • Closed Mon, Oct. 12 • Add'l hours begin Oct. 19 (see below)
Sept. 18	Hennepin County Elections Hennepin County Gov't Center <i>Any Hennepin County resident</i>	300 S. Sixth St. Skyway level	hennepin.us/elections
Oct. 27	North Early Vote Center Urban League Twin Cities <i>Minneapolis residents only</i>	2100 Plymouth Ave. N.	See below (Oct. 27-Nov. 2)
Oct. 27	South Early Vote Center Longfellow Park Recreation Center <i>Minneapolis residents only</i>	3435 36 th Ave. S.	See below (Oct. 27-Nov. 2)

Extended hours and additional locations

The Early Vote Center at 980 E. Hennepin Ave. will have extended hours Oct. 19-Nov. 2 (see below). On Oct. 27, the North and South Early Vote Centers will open (shaded dates below). Check the Hennepin County Elections website for the Hennepin County Gov't Center voting hours.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Oct. 18 CLOSED	Oct. 19 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Oct. 20 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Oct. 21 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Oct. 22 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Oct. 23 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Oct. 24 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Oct. 25 12 - 5 p.m.	Oct. 26 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Oct. 27 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Oct. 28 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Oct. 29 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Oct. 30 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Oct. 31 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Nov. 1 12 - 5 p.m.	Nov. 2 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Nov. 3 CLOSED Vote at polls	North and South Early Vote Centers are open Oct. 27 - Nov. 2			



Vote on Election Day at your polling place



Election Day is **Tuesday, Nov. 3, and polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.** You must vote at your assigned polling place.

Due to COVID-19, we relocated 50 polling places (shaded areas on the map) to protect those living in residential facilities and to provide more space to keep voters at a safe distance from elections staff and each other.

If you plan to vote in person on Election Day, be sure to look up your polling place.



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311 (outside Minneapolis dial 612-673-3000)



I need assistance in the polling place

Curbside voting

If you cannot easily leave your vehicle for mobility reasons or because you prefer to avoid contact with others as a health precaution, you can ask to have a ballot brought out to your car. Two election judges from different major political parties must bring the ballot to your vehicle.

Bring someone with you

You can bring anyone you choose to help you vote, except your employer or union representative. Your assistant can help you in all parts of the voting process, including in the voting booth.

Election judges

Election judges are there to help you through the entire process of voting. If you need help marking your ballot, two election judges from different political parties must assist you.

Accessible voting machine

All polling places have a machine (the AutoMARK) that can mark a ballot for you. It gives you privacy if you cannot (or choose not to) vote using a pen. The machine has a screen that displays the ballot in large print or with a high-contrast background. It can also read the ballot to you through headphones. You will fill out your ballot using a Braille keypad or touchscreen. After you make your choices, it prints your completed ballot.



COVID-19 Polling Place Protocols

We recommend voting by mail, but if you plan to vote in person, either early or on Election Day, here's what you can expect at the Early Vote Centers and Minneapolis polling places:

You must wear a face covering

Following best practices, as well as Minneapolis Emergency Regulation No. 2020-12 and the Governor's Emergency Executive Order 20-81, you must wear a face covering unless you are exempt due to health reasons. We will have disposable masks available, if needed.

You will be given hand sanitizer when you enter and exit

You will be asked to apply hand sanitizer before you enter and again before you exit. If you refuse or for any reason cannot apply hand sanitizer (allergy, etc.) you will still be allowed to vote.

You must observe social distancing

Areas may be marked to indicate social distancing (6 feet). You must adhere to this spacing while inside the polling place. All voting booths and check-in tables will be spaced at least 6 feet apart.

You will be offered a sanitized pen (or you can bring your own)

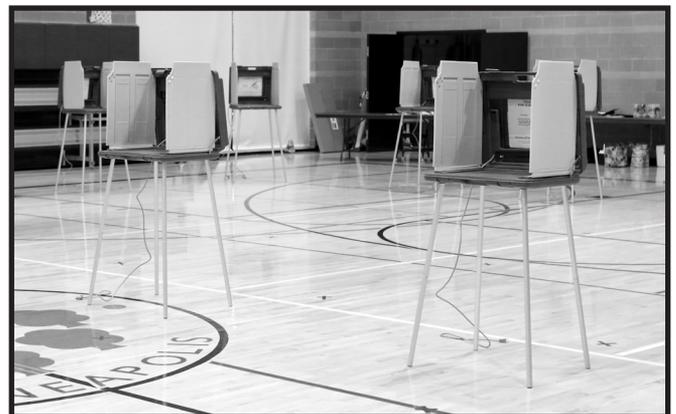
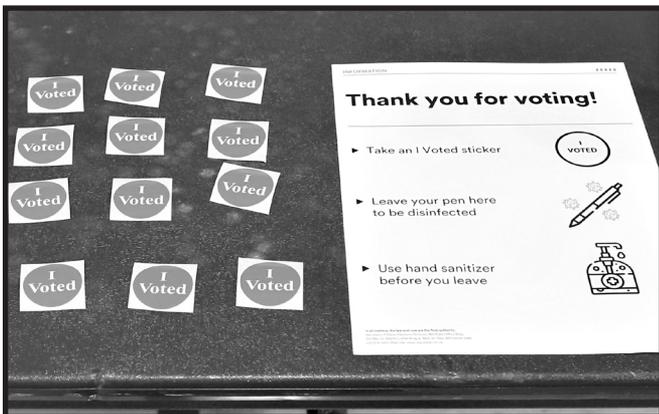
You will get a sanitized pen at the polling place entry. You can bring your own pen (black or blue ink), if desired. Avoid sharpies, gel pens, and other pens that may bleed through paper.

You can choose to vote curbside

If you cannot easily leave your vehicle for mobility reasons or because you prefer to avoid contact with others as a health precaution, you can ask to have a ballot brought out to your car.

You will be offered a pre-cut "I Voted" sticker placed on a table

Election judges will prepare pre-cut 'I Voted' stickers and will place them on a table to avoid unnecessary hand-to-hand contact.





Am I eligible to register and vote?

You can register and vote in Minnesota if you are:

- a U.S. citizen;
- at least 18 years old on Election Day;
- a resident of Minnesota for at least 20 days before Election Day;
- finished with all parts of any felony sentence; and
- not under court-ordered guardianship in which the court revokes your right to vote, and not found by a court to be legally incompetent to vote.



Can I vote if I've had a criminal conviction?

Your criminal record does not affect your right to vote in MN unless you are *currently* serving a felony conviction sentence, including probation, parole, or supervised release.



How do I register or update my registration?

You must update your registration if you have changed your address, changed your name, or if you have not voted in the past four years. In Minnesota, you can register or update your registration at an Early Vote Center or at your polling place on Election Day. However, we encourage you to register before you vote to save you time in the polling place.

- The deadline to register online is Oct. 13 at 11:59 p.m. (5 p.m. if applying by paper).

Register online: mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/VoterRegistration/VoterRegistrationMain.aspx

If you miss that deadline, you can register or update your registration at the time of voting early at an Early Voter Center or at your polling place on Election Day.

- When registering in person, you must provide one proof of residence (listed on next page).

See if your Minnesota registration is current: mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/VoterStatus.aspx

If you are not registered, and choose to vote by mail, you will be mailed a voter registration application with your mail ballot. Fill that out and return it with your voted ballot.



I'm a college student. Where do I register and vote?

You should register to vote from the address you currently consider home. For many students, this is likely a school address or a parent's house.



What do I need to register on Election Day?

You will need to show one of the following seven proofs of residence to register on Election Day:

1 ID with current name and address:

- Valid Minnesota driver's license, learner's permit, or ID, or a receipt for any of these
- Tribal ID with name, address, photo, and signature

2 Photo ID **AND** a document with current name and address

Choose one approved photo ID from column one **AND** one approved document with current name and address from column two (see below).

Column one Approved photo IDs	+	Column two Approved documents
<p>Must have current name, photo, and either no address or old address. It may be expired.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driver's license, state ID, or learner's permit from any state • U.S. passport • U.S. military or veteran ID • Tribal ID with name, signature, and photo • College or high school student ID 		<p>This document can be shown electronically on a device such as a smartphone.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill, account, or start of service statement due or dated within 30 days of election for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone, TV, or internet • Solid waste, sewer, electricity, gas, or water • Banking or credit card • Rent or mortgage • Residential lease or rental agreement (must be valid through Election Day) • Current student fee statement

3 College student ID

If you live on campus and your school has provided a student housing list to election officials, show your student ID to register.

4 Notice of Late Registration

If you registered to vote within 20 days of the election, you may get a Notice of Late Registration in the mail. Bring it with you and use it as your proof of residence.

5 Voter who can confirm your address

A registered voter from *your precinct* can go with you and sign an oath confirming you live at your address. This is known as vouching. A registered voter can vouch for up to eight voters.

6 Staff person of a residential facility

If you live in a residential facility, a staff person can go with you to the polling place to confirm your address. A staff person can vouch for all eligible voters living in the facility.

7 Previous registration in same precinct

If you are registered in the precinct but changed names and/or moved within the *same* precinct, you do not need to bring any documents. Your previous registration serves as proof of residence.

Remember to look up your polling place before you go!



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