

# **ARE YOU READY TO VOTE?**

**VotesPA.com** 

## **Pennsylvania General Election 2020**

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# Important dates



## October 19

Last day to register to vote, or update your address.

*Register or update your information at [VotesPA.com/Register](https://votespa.com/register)*



## October 27

Last day to request a mail-in or absentee ballot.

*Your county elections office must receive your application by 5 pm. Request your ballot at [VotesPA.com/ApplyMailBallot](https://votespa.com/applymailballot)*



## November 3 is Election Day

Polls open 7 am to 8 pm.

*Voted mail-in and absentee ballots must be returned or postmarked by 8 PM.*



Find out more at [VotesPA.com](https://votespa.com) or your county elections office

# Ways to vote

## The first step is to register to vote



Become a registered voter at  
**[VotesPA.com/Register](https://www.votespa.com/register)**

If you're already registered, make sure your information is up to date.

## Vote by mail with no excuse needed



All registered voters are now eligible to vote by mail. Request your ballot at **[VotesPA.com/ApplyMailBallot](https://www.votespa.com/applymailballot)**

## Vote at the polls on Election Day



Vote on Election Day,  
**November 3, 7 am – 8 pm**

Find your polling place at  
**[VotesPA.com/Polls](https://www.votespa.com/polls)**

# Voting by mail

All registered voters are eligible to vote by mail – no excuse needed.

## How to vote by mail



1. Request an application for a mail-in ballot by October 27 at 5 pm
2. When your ballot arrives in the mail, mark it how you want to vote
3. Put your ballot in the white inner **secrecy** envelope that indicates official ballot – do not make any marks on the white inner secrecy envelope
4. Put the white inner secrecy envelope inside the pre-addressed outer **return** envelope
5. **Sign, date and complete the Voter's Declaration on the envelope**
6. Return your voted mail-in ballot

**Return your ballot early so that it is received by November 3 at 8 pm**

# Voting by mail

## How do I return my ballot?

You have two options:



### **By Mail**

Put your ballot in any U.S. Post Office or official mailbox—no postage needed. It must be postmarked by 8 pm on election day (November 3)

**Or**



### **At Designated Locations**

Hand-deliver your ballot before 8 pm on election day (November 3) to your county election office or other officially designated site. Some counties are providing drop boxes for mail ballots

# Voting by mail

## What if I lose my mail-in ballot?



You can request a replacement ballot or vote at your polling place on election day using a provisional ballot

## How do I track my ballot?



You can see the status of your mail-in ballot at [VotesPA.com/MailBallotStatus](https://www.votespa.com/MailBallotStatus)

## What happens to my ballot?



Go to [VotesPA.com/MailBallot](https://www.votespa.com/MailBallot) to find a video of what happens to your ballot after you return it

# Voting at the polls

## Election Day is November 3



Polls are open **7 am - 8 pm**. Your polling place may have changed. Find yours at [VotesPA.com/Polls](https://VotesPA.com/Polls)

## Stay safe at the polls



Listen to the poll workers—they are there to help. Follow recommended guidelines. Find more information at [VotesPA.com/AtThePolls](https://VotesPA.com/AtThePolls)

## Surrender Your Ballot



If you are unable to return your voted mail-in ballot by the deadline, you may vote a provisional ballot at your polling place on election day

Bring your ballot and the pre-addressed outer return envelope to your polling place to be voided. After you surrender your ballot and the envelope and sign a declaration, you can then vote by regular ballot.

# Make a plan to vote



## Be prepared for the election

Making a plan is helpful to many people.  
Make your voting plan here.

**How** will you vote?  by mail  in person

Vote by mail checklist

- I applied for my ballot
- I received my ballot
- I returned my voted ballot

**Where** will you vote?

Address of your polling place or designated ballot collection site

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**When** will you vote?

Date and time (mid-morning and early afternoon are usually less busy times at polling places)

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**What else** do you need to plan?

Childcare, work, transportation, interpreter (if English is not your first language, you can bring someone to the polls to interpret for you and help you vote)

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# Extra pages

The first 8 slides are the pages for the Pocket Guide.

Slides 5-8 are the inside 4 pages. You can replace any of them with one of the extra pages that follow.

When you have the 8 pages you want, make a copy of the file and delete the other pages so you have just 8 pages in your file.

# Voting at the polls

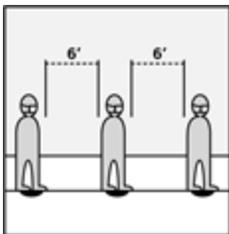
**Make a plan to vote safely in person at your polling place.**

## Before Election Day



- Check your voter registration at [votesPA.com](https://votesPA.com)
- Find your polling place address at [votesPA.com](https://votesPA.com)
- Review a sample ballot and study the issues

## On Election Day — November 3



- Schedule your transportation in advance.
- If possible, plan to arrive in the mid-morning or early afternoon when polling places are usually less busy
- Bring your own pen to avoid touching shared surfaces
- Wear a mask
- Practice social distancing
- Follow instructions from poll workers

Write your  
polling place  
address here:

# Your voting rights

## Accessibility



There are accessible voting systems at each polling place for private and independent voting. There is also an accessible remote ballot marking option for mail voters. Learn more about new voting systems and our accessible remote ballot option at **VotesPA.com**

## Language access



Voters in **Berks County**, **Lehigh County**, and **Philadelphia County** can get help and vote in Spanish.

Los votantes de los condados de **Berks**, **Lehigh** y **Philadelphia** pueden obtener ayuda y votar en español.

## Rights restoration



Even if you have been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor or are in pretrial detention, you may be able to vote. Visit **votesPA.com** for more information.

# Voting as a student

## You have options



- You can register at the address where you reside while you attend school in PA
- You can vote by mail or at the polls.

## Remember to register to vote



You must vote where you are registered. Register or update the address on your registration at **[votesPA.com/Register](https://votesPA.com/Register)**

## Studying abroad



If you are studying abroad, visit **[FVAP.gov](https://fvap.gov)** to request your absentee ballot

# Become a poll worker

## Be a champion of democracy!



Serving as a poll worker is a great way to serve your community, witness democracy firsthand, and earn a stipend

## To serve as a poll worker, you must:

- Be a registered voter in Pennsylvania
- Not be a government official or employee

## As a poll worker, you can expect to:

- Attend a mandatory training.
- Work from 6 am to 9 pm or later on election day.
- Treat all voters with kindness and patience

## Ready to join us?



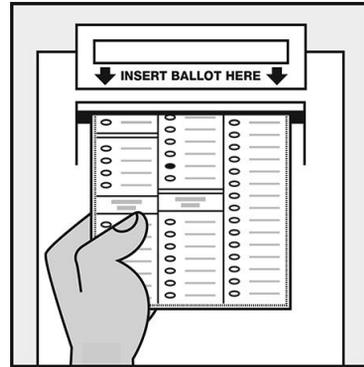
Fill out the Pennsylvania Poll Worker Interest Form at [VotesPA.com/GetInvolved](https://VotesPA.com/GetInvolved)

# Mark and check your ballot

## To vote using a paper ballot

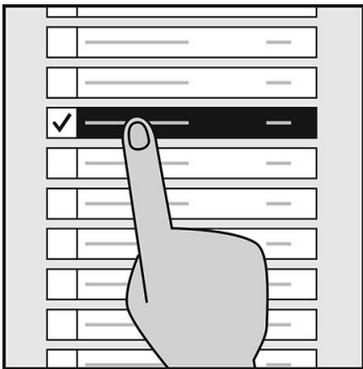


Make your selection by filling in the block, oval or other fillable shape next to your choices

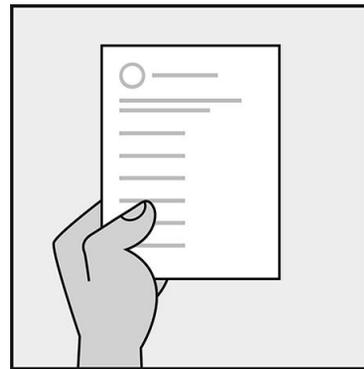


When you're done, scan or deposit your ballot in the appropriate ballot box

## To vote on a ballot-marking system



Make your selections on the screen



When you're done, print, check and scan your ballot

Either way...

**Check your ballot before you cast it**

# Page order and printed layout

## Front of paper

Slide 1  
Front Cover  
(upside down)

Slide 2  
Back Cover  
(upside down)

Slide 3  
Inside left

Slide 4  
Inside right

## Back of paper

Slide 5  
Back – top left

Slide 6  
Back – top right

Slide 7  
Back bottom left

Slide 8  
Back bottom right

# To print

## Print only the first 8 slides

Export the first **8 slides** to Adobe Reader.

- Go to File>Export, Select PDF as the file format and press Export

Print the file from Adobe Reader

1. Set the print options

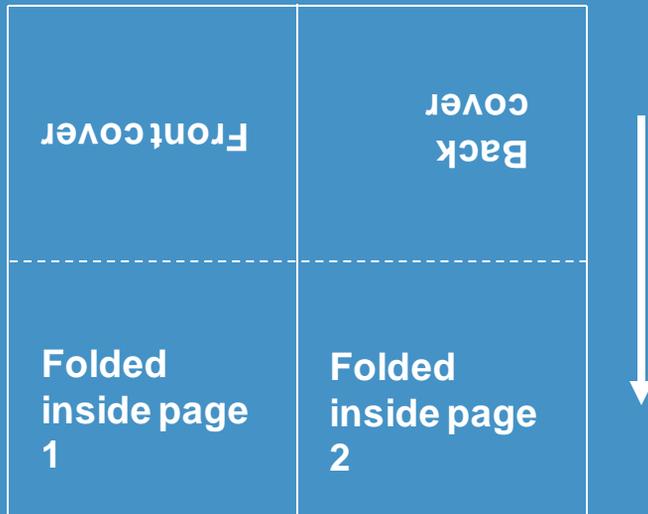
- Page Size: **Multiple - 4 pages per sheet**
- Printing: **Two-sided**
- Page layout: **Portrait**
- Two sided: **Flip on the short side**

2. Print

There are detailed instructions with screen shots on [ElectionTools.org](http://ElectionTools.org) in the Pocket Guide tool

# To fold

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