



How to Vote in Connecticut

Voters with disabilities, get ready and vote in the General Election on or before November 3, 2020, with this voter guide, prepared by AAPD's REV UP.



1. Registering to Vote

- **How can I register to vote?** You can register online at Connecticut's [online registration portal](#) or by downloading and mailing [this form](#). If you have already registered, you can double-check your voter registration status at [vote.org](#).
- **When do I need to register?** Make sure to register by mail or online by October 27, or you can register in-person on Election Day at certain locations.
- **Do I need an ID?** You will likely need to have a Connecticut address and a Connecticut ID, or a social security number if you don't have a state ID.
- **Can I vote if I have a disability?** Yes! People with disabilities who are at least 18 years old have the right to vote. Your vote matters and is protected by laws to ensure voting is accessible, independent, and private. If you have a guardian, you should be able to vote, but your guardian may have to ask the judge. Contact your local [Protection and Advocacy agency](#) for help understanding or restoring your right to vote.



2. Learning about the Issues

- **What people or laws can I vote for?** Enter your home address in [Ballotpedia's Sample Ballot Lookup](#) to find out what is on your ballot.



3. Voting in Person

- **Where do I need to go to vote?** If you are registered to vote, you can find your polling place through this [online portal](#).

- **When can I vote?** Connecticut does not allow in-person early voting, so you will need to vote on November 3 if you are voting in-person.
- **Can I vote from a car if the polling place is inaccessible?** Yes, Connecticut allows voters to request a ballot from a car, if a polling place is inaccessible.
- **What if I want assistance with my ballot?** You may choose someone (except your boss, union agent, or a candidate) to assist you in marking your ballot.
- **Do I need an ID?** Maybe, if you do not have an [acceptable ID](#), you can usually sign an affidavit.

4. Voting by Mail

- **Can I vote by mail?** Any Connecticut voter can vote absentee in 2020 by selecting “COVID-19” on the absentee ballot application.
- **How do I request a mail ballot?** Connecticut will send all registered voters an application for an absentee ballot, which you must complete and mail to your [Town Clerk](#). You can also download and mail [this application form](#).
- **When do I need to request my ballot?** Absentee ballot applications must be received by October 28, but emergency absentee ballot applications can be received as late as November 2. Connecticut recommends sending your absentee ballot request at least 7 days before the election.
- **How do I fill out my ballot?** Connecticut does not have an electronic absentee ballot available for voters with disabilities so you must complete a paper ballot, which you will need to sign as well. If receiving assistance, the person assisting you will need to provide their name, signature, address, and phone number.
- **What if I want assistance with my ballot?** You may choose someone (except your boss, union agent, or a candidate) to assist you in marking your ballot. Someone assisting you (a “designee”) with your absentee ballot will need to sign the form as an assister and provide their name, residence address, and phone number.
- **How do I return my ballot?** Absentee ballots must be received by your local [Town Clerk](#) by 8pm on Election Day November 3. You can return your ballot by mail or deliver it in-person and to the Town Clerk or a secure drop box. Request your ballot as soon as possible if you plan to vote by mail!

- **Do I need an ID?** Once you are registered to vote, you will likely not need an ID when voting absentee. Check with your [local elections office](#) to make sure.
- **Can I track if my ballot was counted?** Yes, you can track your ballot on [Connecticut's Voter Registration Lookup](#).



5. Additional Resources

- **Where can I find more info on how to vote?** For the most accurate and up-to-date elections info, contact your elections office:

Legislation and Elections Administration Division
 Address: Secretary of the State, ATTN: LEAD, PO Box 150470, Hartford, CT 06115-0470
 Phone: 1-800-540-3764 (Toll Free), 860-509-6100, 860-509-6191 (Telephone Device for Hearing Impaired)
 Email: lead@ct.gov
 Website: [Connecticut Voter Info](#)
- **What if I am having trouble voting or registering to vote?** If you have any trouble voting, contact your local Protection and Advocacy organization:

Disability Rights Connecticut
 Address: 846 Wethersfield Avenue, Hartford, CT 06114
 Phone: 860-297-4300, 800-842-7303 (Toll Free)
 Email: info@disrightsct.org
 Website: www.disrightsct.org/
- **What if I have more questions?** Check out these resources:
 - [Incarceration and Voting Rights](#)
 - [Help with Getting a Voter ID](#) and [Help with Getting a Printed Absentee Ballot Application](#)
 - [Guardianship and Voting Laws](#)
 - [Resources for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Voters](#)
 - [Resources for Blind and Low Vision Voters](#)
 - [Easy Read and Plain Language Voting Resources](#)
 - [ASL Hotline](#): 301-818-VOTE (301-818-8683)
 - [Election Protection Hotline](#): 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)