



# How to Vote in Illinois

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 Illinois'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 18, or you can register in-person until November 3.
- **Do I need an ID?** You will likely need to have an Illinois address and an Illinois 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 can still vote. Contact your local [Protection and Advocacy agency](#) for help understanding or restoring your 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?** Illinois allows in-person early voting, so you can vote between September 24 and November 2 and avoid lines on election day!
- **Can I vote from a car if the polling place is inaccessible?** Yes, Illinois allows voters to request a ballot from a car, if a polling place is inaccessible. You will need to request curbside voting from your local polling place the day before.
- **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?** No, you do not need to bring any ID to your polling place.

## 4. Voting by Mail

- **Can I vote by mail?** Any Illinois voter can vote by mail without an excuse.
- **How do I request a mail ballot?** You must request a ballot through your local county clerk or board of election commissioners. Access the vote by mail ballot [online](#).
- **When do I need to request my ballot?** Your vote by mail request must be received by the Election Authority by October 29, but request your ballot as soon as possible to make sure that your ballot is received on time!
- **How do I fill out my ballot?** Illinois plans to allow voters with disabilities to request an electronic absentee or Vote by Mail ballot that can be completed electronically and then printed out, but this system is not available yet. Make sure to sign your ballot or envelope when prompted, since Illinois requires this signature to match your past signature. If receiving assistance, the person assisting you may need to sign an affidavit on the ballot.
- **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 may need to complete an affidavit to be returned with the paper ballot.
- **How do I return my ballot?** Return your ballot by mail to your [local elections office](#). In some counties, you can deliver your ballot to a drop box. Your ballot must be hand delivered by November 3 or postmarked by November 3 and

received by November 17, so request your ballot as soon as possible if you plan to vote by mail!

- **Do I need an ID?** You may need to provide an ID when requesting a vote by mail ballot.
- **Can I track my ballot?** Contact your [local elections office](#) to track your vote by mail ballot.

## 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:

### **Illinois State Board of Elections**

Address (Chicago): 100 W. Randolph, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601

Address (Springfield): 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704

Phone (Chicago): (312)814-6440

Phone (Springfield): (217)782-4141

Website: [elections.il.gov/](http://elections.il.gov/)

- **What if I am having trouble voting or registering to vote?** If you have any trouble voting, contact your local Protection and Advocacy organization:

### **Equip for Equality, Inc.**

Address: 20 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 300, Chicago, IL 60602

Phone: 312-341-0022, 800-610-2779 TTD, 800-537-2632 Toll Free

Email: [contactus@equipforequality.org](mailto:contactus@equipforequality.org)

Website: [www.equipforequality.org](http://www.equipforequality.org)

- **What if I have more questions?** Check out these resources:

- [Incarceration and Voting Rights](#)
- [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)