



How to Vote in Iowa

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 Iowa'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 24, or you can register in-person on Election Day.”
- **Do I need an ID?** You will likely need to have an Iowa address and an Iowa 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, unless a judge says you cannot 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?** Iowa allows in-person early voting, so you can vote between October 5 and November 2 and avoid lines on election day!
- **Can I vote from a car if the polling place is inaccessible?** Yes, Iowa allows voters to request a ballot from a car, if the voter has a disability.
- **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. Poll workers can also help you with your ballot at the polling place.
- **Do I need an ID?** Yes, you will need to bring an [acceptable ID](#) to the polling place.

4. Voting by Mail

- **Can I vote by mail?** Any Iowa voter can absentee without an excuse.
- **How do I request a mail ballot?** You must request a ballot through your local elections office by filling, signing, and mailing [this form](#) to your [county auditor](#).
- **When do I need to request my ballot?** Your absentee ballot request must be received by October 24. Request your ballot as soon as possible to make sure that your ballot is received on time!
- **How do I fill out my ballot?** Iowa does not have an electronic absentee ballot available for voters with disabilities, so you must complete a paper ballot. Make sure to sign your ballot or envelope when prompted, but if you cannot sign your ballot you can stamp or mark it. 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?** You must mail or deliver your ballot in-person to your County Auditor's office by the close of polls on November 3, so request your ballot as soon as possible if you plan to vote by mail! Ballots postmarked by November 2 will be counted as long as they are received by November 9.

- **Do I need an ID?** You will need to provide an ID number when requesting a mail-in ballot.
- **Can I track my ballot?** Yes, you can track your ballot on Iowa's [election website](#).

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:
 - Iowa Secretary of State**
Address: First Floor, Lucas Building, 321 E. 12th St., Des Moines, IA 50319
Phone: (888) 767-8683
Email: sos@sos.iowa.gov
Website: sos.iowa.gov/elections
- **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 Iowa**
Address: 666 Walnut St. Suite 1440, Des Moines, IA 50309
Phone: 515-278-2502, 515-278-0571 (TDD), 800-779-2502 (Toll Free), 866-483-3342 (Toll Free TDD)
Email: info@disabilityrightsiowa.org
Website: disabilityrightsiowa.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)