



How to Vote in New York

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 New York's [online registration portal](#) or by downloading and mailing [this form](#). If you have already registered, you can double-check your voter registration status with [New York's Voter Lookup](#).
- **When do I need to register?** Make sure to register in-person, by mail, or online by October 9 or through a PAVA advocate at Disability Rights NY by October 24, because New York does not allow people to register on Election Day. If you register online you must have a DMV-issued ID or a social security number.
- **Do I need an ID?** You will likely need to have a New York address and a New York 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 said 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 New York's [Voter Lookup](#).

- **When can I vote?** New York allows in-person early voting, so you can vote in-person at any polling place in your county between October 24 and November 1 and avoid lines on election day! Learn more at New York's [Early Voting Webpage](#).
- **Can I vote from a car if the polling place is inaccessible?** No, New York does not specifically allow voters with disabilities to request a ballot from a car.
- **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?** Yes, if you have a disability, you can vote absentee in New York, and any voter in your state concerned about COVID-19 may vote absentee.
- **How do I request a mail ballot?** You must request a ballot through your local elections office [online](#), in-person at your local [county board of elections](#), or by phone, email, or mail with [this form](#). You can also send a letter to your [county board of elections](#) with your name, birthday, voter registration address, mailing address, and your reason for requesting a ballot.
- **When do I need to request my ballot?** The last day to request an absentee ballot remotely is October 27, but you can request one in-person until November 2. Request your ballot as soon as possible to make sure that your ballot is received on time (the Post Office recommends applying by October 19!)
- **How do I fill out my ballot?** New York allows voters who can affirm they have a [print disability](#) to request an [electronic absentee ballot](#) through this [online portal](#) that can be completed electronically and then printed out. Make sure to sign the Security Envelope when prompted. New York requires this signature to match your past signature. If receiving assistance, an assister may need to sign an affidavit.
- **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 with the paper ballot.
- **How do I return my ballot?** You can deliver your ballot in-person to a poll site during early voting on an election day or to your County Board of Elections Office by

November 3 by 9pm. You can also return your ballot by mail, and a mailed ballot must be postmarked by November 3 and received by November 10. Request your ballot as soon as possible if you plan to vote by mail!

- **Do I need an ID?** No, you do not need an ID when voting by mail.
- **Can I track my ballot?** If you live outside of New York City, you can only track your ballot on New York's [portal](#) if you are a military or overseas voter. If you live in New York City, you can track your ballot [here](#).

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 local elections office:

New York State Board of Elections

Address: 40 North Pearl Street, Suite 5, Albany NY 11207-2729

Phone: (518) 474-1953, 711 TTD/TTY

Email: INFO@elections.ny.gov

Website: www.elections.ny.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:

Disability Rights New York

Address: 725 Broadway, Suite 450, Albany, NY 12207-5001

Phone: 518-432-7861, 518-512-3448 TTY, 800-993-8982 Toll Free

Email: mail@DRNY.org

Website: www.drny.org/

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

- [Guardianship and Voting Laws](#)
- [Incarceration and Voting Rights](#)
- [Resources for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Voters](#)
- [Resources for Blind and Low Vision Voters](#)
- [Easy Read and Plain Language Voting Resources](#)
- [Incarceration and Voting Rights](#)
- [ASL Hotline](#): 301-818-VOTE (301-818-8683)
- [Election Protection Hotline](#): 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)
- [Disability Rights New York Voter Information](#)

