



How to Vote in Virginia

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 [here](#) 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 10/13/2020 because Virginia does not allow people to register on Election Day.
- **Do I need an ID?** To register online you need a DMV ID number. On the print form your full social security number is required. You do not need to show an ID when you register in person.
- **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 likely cannot vote, but may be able to restore your right to 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. Learn about policy changes on the ballot, called "ballot measures," on Virginia's [election website](#).



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 the [Citizen Portal](#).
- **When can I vote?** Virginia [does allow in-person early voting so you can vote between 9/18/2020 and 10/31/2020 and avoid lines on Election Day!
- **Can I vote from a car if the polling place is inaccessible?** Yes, Virginia does allow 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?** No, to vote by mail. If you used your ID number to request your ballot online, that constituted providing ID. If you need to send a copy of an ID with your ballot, instructions will be included with the ballot. Yes, you will need to bring an [acceptable ID](#) to vote at a polling place.



4. Voting by Mail

- **Can I vote by mail?** Yes, if you have a disability, you can vote absentee in Virginia. Any voter in your state can vote absentee by mail without an excuse.
- **How do I request a mail ballot?** You must request a ballot through your local elections office in-person, by [mail](#), or [online](#).
- **When do I need to request my ballot?** The last day to request an absentee ballot is 10/23/2020. Request your ballot as soon as possible to make sure that your ballot is received on time.
- **How do I fill out my ballot?** Virginia allows voters with disabilities to request an [electronic absentee ballot](#). For paper ballots you must sign when prompted, however the witness requirement has been suspended due to COVID-19.
- **What if I want assistance with my ballot?** Indicate on your absentee ballot application that you will require assistance in voting. When you receive your absentee ballot, it will include a form for your assistant to sign. As stated above, if you are a print disabled voter, you have the option this November to use a ballot marking tool.

- **How do I return my ballot?** You may return your completed absentee ballot to your general registrar's office by mail or in-person. You can also return it at a [drop off location](#) or, on Election Day, a [polling place](#). Your ballot must be received by 11/3/2020, so request your ballot as soon as possible if you plan to vote by mail!
- **Do I need an ID?** If you've voted in Virginia before, registered in person, or provided ID at the time of registration, you don't need to provide ID to vote by mail.
- **Can I track my ballot?** Yes, you can track your ballot through your state'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:
 - Virginia Department of Elections**
 Address: Washington Building 1st Floor, 1100 Bank Street, Richmond 23219
 Phone: Telephone - (804) 864-8901, Toll Free - (800) 552-9745, TTY - 711
 Email: info@elections.virginia.gov
 Website: <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/index.html>
- **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 Law Center of Virginia**
 Address: 1512 Willow Lawn Drive Suite 100, Richmond, VA 23230
 Phone: Voice/TTY - 804-225-2042, Toll Free - 800-552-3962
 Email: info@dlcv.org
 Website: <https://www.dlcv.org/>
- **What if I have more questions?** Check out these resources:
 - [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)
 - [Incarceration and Voting Rights](#)