



# How to Vote in West 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 [online](#) 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 West Virginia does not allow people to register on Election Day.
- **Do I need an ID?** You will likely need to have a West Virginia address and driver's license or state 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 likely retained the right to vote. Contact your [local Protection and Advocacy agency](#) for questions regarding 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. This can help you learn about policy changes on the ballot, called "ballot measures".



### 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?** West Virginia does allow in-person early voting, so you can vote between 10/21/2020 and 10/31/2020 and avoid lines on Election Day!
- **Can I vote from a car if the polling place is inaccessible?** Yes, West 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?** Yes, you have to bring an [acceptable ID](#) to the polling place.



### 4. Voting by Mail

- **Can I vote by mail?** Yes, if you have a disability, you can vote absentee in West Virginia. Any voter in your state concerned about COVID-19 may vote absentee due to a “medical reason.”
- **How do I request a mail ballot?** You must request a ballot through your [local elections office](#) through an [online application](#) or mail/fax/email a [paper](#) one.
- **When do I need to request my ballot?** The last day to request an absentee ballot is 10/28/2020. Request your ballot as soon as possible to make sure that your ballot is received on time.
- **How do I fill out my ballot?** West Virginia allows voters with disabilities to request an [electronic absentee ballot](#) that can be completed through a web portal. For paper ballots, make sure to sign your ballot or envelope when prompted, since the signature will be verified.
- **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. If you do not have someone of your choice to assist you, two poll clerks will assist you with completing your ballot.

- **How do I return my ballot?** You have to mail or hand-deliver your ballot to the [County Clerk's office](#). Your ballot must be received by Nov 2, 2020 if delivered in person and by Nov 3, 2020 if mailed in. Request your ballot as soon as possible if you plan to vote by mail!
- **Do I need an ID?** If your first time voting will be absentee by mail, you must send a copy of a [valid ID](#) with your ballot.
- **Can I track my ballot?** Yes, you can track your ballot on the [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:
  - Office of the Secretary of State**
  - Address: State Capitol Building, Charleston, WV 25305
  - Phone: 304-558-6000, 866-767-8683 (toll free)
  - Email: [Elections@wvsos.gov](mailto:Elections@wvsos.gov)
  - Website: <https://sos.wv.gov/elections/Pages/default.aspx>
- **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 of West Virginia**
  - Address: 1207 Quarrier Street Suite 400, Charleston, WV 25301
  - Phone: 304-346-0847 (Voice/TDD), 800-950-5250
  - Email: [contact@drowv.org](mailto:contact@drowv.org)
  - Website: <https://www.drowv.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](#)

- [Help with Getting a Voter ID](#)
- [Help with Getting a Printed Absentee Ballot Application](#)

