

# 2020 GENERAL ELECTION INFORMATION

## 3 WAYS TO VOTE IN OHIO

Absentee Ballot • Early In-Person • Election Day In-Person



### 2020 ELECTION CALENDAR

Sept 7	Absentee Ballot Applications Mailed to Every Registered Voter
Sept 18- Nov 2	Military & Overseas Absentee Voting Begins
Sept 22	NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY
Oct 5	<b>DEADLINE for Voter Registration</b>
Oct 6	Absentee Ballots Mailed
Oct 6 – Nov 2	Absentee Voting by Mail Begins <i>Ballots must be postmarked on or before Nov 2</i>
Oct 6 – Nov 2	Early In-Person Voting Begins <i>Weekends: Oct 24/25 &amp; Oct 31/Nov 1</i>
Oct 31	<b>DEADLINE to Request an Absentee Ballot</b> <i>Applications must be received at BOE by NOON</i>
Nov 2	<b>DEADLINE to Postmark Absentee Ballots</b>
<b>Nov 3</b>	<b>ELECTION DAY</b> Polls Open 6:30AM - 7:30PM <i>Absentee Ballots must be received at BOE by 7:30PM</i>

### COVID-19 & Voting

<b>Safest Option</b>	Absentee Ballot – Mail In
<b>Safer Option</b>	Absentee Ballot – Drop Off
<b>Safe Option</b>	Early In-Person Voting
<b>High Risk</b>	Election Day Polling Site

#### COVID-19 Safety

- Safest option is Absentee Mail-In Ballot
- **Request Absentee Ballot by Oct 15, Postmark by Oct 27 for timely delivery**
- CURBSIDE VOTING for special circumstances available at Polling Sites
- Wear a mask or face shield at voting locations
- Maintain 6' of social distance at all voting locations

### HOW TO VOTE

- 1) VISIT [VOTE411.ORG](http://VOTE411.ORG) OR [VOTE411.ORG](http://VOTE411.ORG)
- 2) REGISTER TO VOTE *Thru Oct 5*
- 3) SELECT VOTING OPTION:
  - Absentee Ballot Voting Oct 6 – Nov 3
  - Early In-Person Voting Oct 6 – Nov 2
  - Election Day In-Person Nov 3
- 4) LOCATE YOUR BOARD OF ELECTIONS

### VOTER ID REQUIREMENTS

- Unexpired Ohio driver's license or state ID card with address
- Military ID
- Government or Ohio State issued photo ID with name, current address, unexpired expiration date
- Original or copy of current: utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or government document – must include name and current address

### ABSENTEE VOTING – IMPORTANT INFO

#### ABSENTEE BALLOT & BALLOT ENVELOPE

- Envelope and ballot **MUST BE SIGNED - DO NOT PRINT!** Print may cause ballot rejection. Signature is used for ID verification.
- Must enter your Driver's License number or last 4 numbers of Social Security number

#### RECOMMENDED ABSENTEE VOTING DATES

- **Oct 15 (not Oct 31)** - Request Absentee Ballot on or before to ensure timely return of application and receipt of Absentee Ballot
- **Oct 27 (not Nov 2)** - Postmark Absentee Ballot on or before to ensure timely delivery of ballot to Board of Elections
- **Cannot Mail?** An Immediate Family Member may drop off Absentee Ballot - *max 10 ballots per family member*

**SAMPLE BALLOT – [VOTE411.ORG](http://VOTE411.ORG)**

**TRACK ABSENTEE BALLOT – [VOTE411.ORG](http://VOTE411.ORG)**

## College Students

- Students can select which address to use for voter registration -- campus address or parents' address, whichever is considered a permanent address
- Students cannot use a PO Box as address
- Students must be a resident of Ohio for 30 days by Election Day
- Students must have an acceptable voter ID for that address
- College ID's are not acceptable IDs
- Financial aid and BMV license/registrations are not impacted if an out-of-state student registers to vote in Ohio

## Persons Convicted of a Crime

Eligible voters:

- An otherwise qualified person convicted of a misdemeanor may vote
- An otherwise qualified person convicted of a felony may register and vote while on probation or parole, or after completing his or her jail or prison sentence

Prohibited from voting:

- A person currently serving time in jail or prison for a **felony conviction** cannot register to vote or vote
- A person twice convicted of an Ohio elections law violation is permanently barred from voting in Ohio
- The voter registration of a person who is incarcerated on a felony conviction is cancelled – upon completion of their sentence, probation, parole or community control, they must re-register to vote

## Voters with Disabilities

- A voter with a physical or mental disability, or a voter who is unable to read or write, may be assisted by anyone of the voter's choice  
**Exceptions:** a candidate who appears on the ballot in that precinct, a voter's employer or the employer's agent, an officer or agent of the voter's union
- A voter may also be assisted by 2 poll workers (each of a different political party)
- Anyone assisting a voter may **NOT** disclose any information about how that person voted
- All voting locations must be accessible for people with disabilities

## Safe At Home Program

- Created to assist survivors of domestic violence, stalking, human trafficking, rape, or sexual battery
- Shields personal information from public record
- Program participants are assigned a substitute address designated by the Secretary of State's Office to serve as their address -- actual address does not appear in public voter registration lists
- Survivors must apply in person for the program, only through a certified Application Assistant

## Homeless Population

Individuals who regularly stay at a shelter, or other location where they intend to return, may select that location as their residence on a voter registration form