

# VOTING IN THE 2020 ELECTION

The United State General Election is on November 3, 2020. Below is information on registering to vote and your options for voting during the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information on voting and the upcoming election, visit: [mi.gov/vote](https://mi.gov/vote) or [michiganvoting.org](https://michiganvoting.org).

## REGISTERING TO VOTE

You must be registered in order to vote in Michigan. You can register to vote in Michigan if:

- You are a U.S. citizen;
- You are a resident of a city or township in Michigan for at least 30 days (or will be by Election Day);
- You will be 18 years old by Election Day; and,
- You are not currently serving a sentence in jail or prison.

**Deadline to register: 8pm on November 3rd.** You should register to vote as soon as possible.

### HOW DO I KNOW IF I'M REGISTERED TO VOTE?

Visit [www.mi.gov/vote](https://www.mi.gov/vote) to see if you are registered to vote. Check to see that you are registered to vote where you currently live. You can also call your city, township or county clerk's office and ask if you're registered.

- Detroit City Clerk – (313) 224-3260
- Hamtramck City Clerk – (313) 800-5233 ext. 821

### WHAT CAN I USE TO SHOW PROOF OF RESIDENCY?

Paper or electronic copies of any of the following documents can be used as proof of residency:

- Michigan driver's license or state ID card
- Utility bill
- Bank statement
- Paycheck
- Government check
- Any other government document

### DO I NEED A PHOTO ID OR PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP TO REGISTER TO VOTE?

No. You will be asked for a photo ID if you register to vote in person. If you don't have one or don't have one with you, you can sign a form and then register to vote.

### HOW DO I REGISTER TO VOTE?

Before October 20, 2020, you can register to vote in the following ways:

- Online at [www.mi.gov/VoterRegistration](https://www.mi.gov/VoterRegistration)
- In person at a Secretary of State branch office
- In person at your city/township clerk's office or your county clerk's office
- By mailing in a completed voter registration application postmarked by October 19, 2020. The application can be found here: <https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/Home/RegisterToVote>. Because of potential delays with the US Postal Service during COVID-19, we recommend you use either the online or in-person options listed above.

From October 20, 2020 through 8pm on Election Day (November 3, 2020), you can register to vote by visiting your city/township clerk's office and providing "proof of residency" (see question at left for details). You can find the address for your city clerk here: [www.mi.gov/vote](https://www.mi.gov/vote).

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## VOTING BEFORE ELECTION DAY

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, some people may feel uncomfortable voting in person, may not want to wait in line or may be out of the area or working on election day. All registered voters in Michigan can vote before Election Day using an absentee ballot for any reason. There are several ways you can vote using an absentee ballot before the election.

### HOW DO I VOTE FROM HOME BEFORE ELECTION DAY?

**Step 1: Request Your Ballot.** Fill out an application for an absentee ballot and submit it to your city/township clerk. You can submit your completed application by email, mail, fax, or in person. You can find the absentee ballot application here: [www.mi.gov/vote](http://www.mi.gov/vote).

**Step 2: Fill Out Your Ballot.** Your absentee ballot will arrive in the mail. Once it arrives, fill it out, place it in the envelope provided, and sign the outside of the envelope with your official signature.

**Step 3: Turn in Your Ballot.** Your completed absentee ballot must be received by your city/township clerk by 8 p.m. on Election Day. Since the mail can take some time, you should drop it in the mail as soon as possible. Starting on October 20, 2020, it is better to drop it off at your city or township clerk's office or in a drop box provided by the clerk. You can find the address for your city clerk here: [www.mi.gov/vote](http://www.mi.gov/vote).

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**Make sure to sign the outside of the envelope with your absentee ballot with your official signature that matches the signature on your license or state ID.** Only you, a family member or person residing in your household, a mail carrier, or election official is authorized to deliver your signed absentee voter ballot to your clerk's office.

If you turn in your ballot after October 20, 2020, it is recommended that you hand-deliver your ballot to your city clerk rather than using the mail.

### WHAT IF I REQUESTED AN ABSENTEE BALLOT BUT NEVER RECEIVED IT OR NEED A NEW ONE?

Call or visit your city/township clerk's office as soon as possible to cancel your first absentee ballot and request a new one. The deadline to do this is Monday, November 2, 2020 at 4 p.m. Or you can go to your polling place on Election Day, complete a simple form and vote.

### HOW DO I VOTE IN PERSON BEFORE ELECTION DAY?

**Step 1:** Starting September 24, you may go directly to your city/township clerk's office to vote in person. You can find the address for your city clerk here: [www.mi.gov/vote](http://www.mi.gov/vote)

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**Step 2:** Fill out an application for an absentee ballot and submit it to the staff. If you already received an absentee ballot in the mail, bring it with you to submit in person.

**Step 3:** Fill out your ballot, place it in the envelope provided, sign the outside of the envelope with your official signature and submit it to the staff.

### WHEN CAN I VOTE IN PERSON BEFORE ELECTION DAY?

Starting September 24, 2020, you can go to your city or township clerk's office to vote in person.

If you are already registered to vote where you live, the deadline to vote in person at your city/township clerk's office is Monday, November 2, 2020 at 4 p.m.

If you are not registered to vote where you live, the deadline to register and vote at your city/township clerk's office is 8 p.m. on November 3, 2020.

### HOW DO I CHECK THE STATUS OF MY ABSENTEE BALLOT?

You can track your absentee ballot and application at <https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/Voter/Index>. Enter your information to see when:

- Your absentee ballot application was received by your city or township clerk;
- Your ballot was mailed to you; and,
- Your completed ballot was received by your city or township clerk.

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## VOTING ON ELECTION DAY

Election day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. **You have the right to vote if you are in line at your polling place by 8 p.m.** View your sample ballot at [www.mi.gov/vote](http://www.mi.gov/vote). You do not need to show a photo ID to vote.

**\*\* Changes to polling locations.** Some communities in Michigan have had to change polling locations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. If you plan to vote in person on election day, be sure to double check your polling location on election day at: <https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/Voter/index>.\*\*

### WHERE DO I VOTE ON ELECTION DAY?

You can find your polling place online at <https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/Voter/index> or by calling your city/township clerk.

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### CAN I GET A BALLOT IN MY LANGUAGE?

If you do not read or write English, and a ballot is not available in your language, you have the right to assistance filling out your ballot from anyone you choose as long as they are not your employer. If you vote in the City of Hamtramck, you have the right to a ballot and election materials in Bangla.

### DO I NEED A PHOTO ID TO VOTE?

No, unless you are a first-time Michigan voter and registered to vote by mail. You will be asked for photo ID when you go to vote, but if you do not have a photo ID or do not have it with you, you can sign a simple form and vote without it.

### DO I NEED THE RECEIPT I RECEIVED WHEN I REGISTERED TO VOTE?

If you registered to vote before October 20, 2020, you do not need your receipt. **If you registered on or after October 20, 2020, you do need your receipt.**

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## ASSISTANCE AND MORE INFORMATION

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If you need any assistance at any time or if you have followed the above instructions and are told you cannot vote, you can call the following phone numbers at any time.

- For assistance in **English**, call 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683);
- For assistance in **Spanish**, call 888-VE-Y-VOTA (888-839-8682);
- For assistance in **Arabic**, call 844-YALLA-US (844-925-5287)
- For assistance in **Bangla, Cantonese, Hindi, Korean, Mandarin, Tagalog, Urdu** or **Vietnamese**, call 888-API-VOTE (888-274-8683).
- Email [questions@michiganvoting.org](mailto:questions@michiganvoting.org)

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