

# Voting During COVID: What YOU Need to Know

## CAN I VOTE FROM HOME?

- ✓ Yes! You can absolutely vote from home by mail-in or absentee ballot. You will need to go online to request a ballot (details below).

## WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN ABSENTEE BALLOT AND MAIL-IN BALLOT?

- ✓ An **absentee ballot** is generally used in every state to refer to a ballot filled out by a voter who cannot, for many reasons, go to a voting location on Election Day. Absentee ballots must be requested by the voter to be mailed out.
- ✓ A **mail-in ballot** is used more broadly to refer to ballots sent through the mail. Mail-in ballots typically refer to states where the ballots are sent to all registered voters whether they requested one or not.

## CAN I VOTE EARLY AND DO I NEED A VOTER ID?

- ✓ Yes! You can vote early by mailing in or dropping your ballot off at a Drop Box location.
- ✓ If you are a first-time voter who is voting by mail using a mail-in ballot or absentee ballot, you **MUST** include proof of residency documentation with your ballot.

## WHAT ARE ACCEPTABLE FORMS TO USE FOR PROOF OF RESIDENCY?

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| ✓ Current and valid DMV-issued ID        | ✓ Homeless shelter occupancy statement                           |
| ✓ Government check or paycheck*          | ✓ Current lease  |
| ✓ Bank statement*                        | ✓ Other government-issued document showing your name and address |
| ✓ Current utility bill*                  |  |
| ✓ Student housing statement/tuition bill |  |

**\*The issue, bill or statement date must be within 90 days of Election Day**

## IF I AM REGISTERED TO VOTE, HOW DO I REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT?

- ✓ If you live in the District of Columbia, **YOU DO NOT** have to request an absentee ballot. All registered voters will receive a mail-in ballot at their registered address beginning the first week in October.
- ✓ If you live in Virginia or Maryland, you can apply online to request an absentee ballot to mail in or drop off in a ballot box.

## HOW DO I FIND OUT WHO THE CANDIDATES ARE?

- ✓ You can download a sample ballot from your state's election site to find out the candidates who are running for office. See below resources.
- ✓ Follow **@VOTE411** on Instagram to learn more about candidates and your specific voting information (for example polling place, sample ballot and more).

## WHAT ADDRESS SHOULD I USE IF I AM GOING AWAY FOR COLLEGE?

- ✓ **In-State Students:** Will you be living at home or on campus? Remember, when you register to vote, use the address you consider your home address; this is called your registered address. This will determine your district and who you are eligible to vote for.
- ✓ **Out-of-State Students:** Are you leaving your home state to attend school? You will need to decide if you will remain a resident of your home state or become a resident of the new state. Remember that you may only be registered to vote in **ONE (1)** state and need proof of residency in that state.

## WHEN DO I NEED TO REGISTER TO VOTE BY?

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	MARYLAND	VIRGINIA
By Mail: October 13 In-person: November 3 Online: October 13	By Mail: October 13 In-person: November 3 Online: October 13	By Mail: October 13 In-person: October 13 Online: October 13

## HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR REMINDERS ABOUT IMPORTANT DEADLINES?

- ✓ **IT'S EASY!** Visit [Rock the Vote](#) to sign up for reminders of upcoming election dates and deadlines in your area, so that you never miss an election.

## USEFUL RESOURCES

- ✓ **Voter Registration & Deadlines:** [www.RocktheVote.org](http://www.RocktheVote.org) or [www.Vote.org](http://www.Vote.org)
- ✓ **Absentee Voting:** <https://www.voteriders.org/voter-id-for-absentee-ballots/>
- ✓ **Learn About the Candidates on the Ballot:** <https://www.vote411.org/ballot>
- ✓ **DC Vote Center Locations and Ballot Drop Box Sites:** <https://earlyvoting.dcboe.org/>

## REMEMBER THAT ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 3RD!!!

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