



2020 VOTING TOOLKIT

Your Voice Matters

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THE PROGRESS MADE SINCE THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965 IS DAMAGED BY PRESENT-DAY SUPPRESSION TACTICS MEANT TO TURN BACK THE CLOCK TO THE DAYS OF JIM CROW AND CREATE CONFUSION AT THE BALLOT BOX. WE'VE COME SO FAR, BUT STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO.

DON'T LET ANYTHING GET IN THE WAY OF MAKING YOUR VOICE HEARD.
MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT.

Important Voting Dates

Voter Registration Deadline: **October 5, 2020 UPDATE: REGISTRATION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO OCTOBER 6, 2020 7 PM EST DUE TO WEBSITE MALFUNCTIONING.**

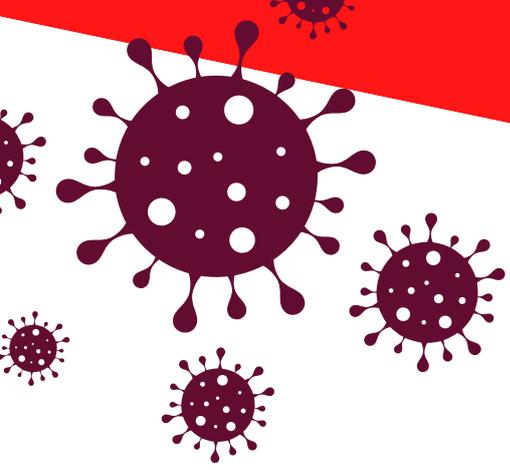
Early Voting: **October 19, 2020 to November 1, 2020 (Miami Dade County) and October 14, 2020 to October 31, 2020 (Monroe County)**

Deadline to Request an Absentee Ballot: **October 24, 2020**

Deadline to Return Completed Absentee Ballot: **November 3, 2020**

General Election: **November 3, 2020**

As we approach the election, local laws are subject to change. To check the dates and ensure accuracy, double check your state and local election official websites 
[\(click here for the FL state site.\)](#)



VOTING DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

YOU HAVE OPTIONS TO VOTE SAFELY DURING #COVID19.

COVID-19 has affected everything, including voting methods and election laws in some states.

If you plan to vote in person on Election Day:

- Be sure to wear a mask.
- Stay two arms' length away from others.
- Use hand sanitizer frequently while you're there.

You can find more information about vote-by-mail and absentee voting below, or visit [Florida's State Election Website](#) for information.

REGISTER.

UPDATE: DUE TO MALFUNCTIONING OF ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION WEBSITE, THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE HAS BEEN CHANGED TO OCTOBER 6, 2020 AT 7 PM EST.

Who Can Register in Florida

To register to vote in Florida, you must:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be a resident of Florida
- Be at least 18 years old. You may pre-register to vote starting at age 16.
- Not be declared mentally incompetent by court of law
- If you have a past conviction, learn more about your eligibility to vote [here](#).

How to Register

Visit [RegistertoVoteFlorida.gov](https://registertovoteflorida.gov) to submit online a new registration or an update to your existing record.

Use the [Voter Information Lookup](#) to check your voter status, find your polling place and get information on a vote-by-mail ballot request.



IMPORTANT TIP:

The signature on file at the time you vote is the signature used to verify your signature on a vote-by-mail ballot or provisional ballot certificate. If you need to update your signature, do so before you vote.

HOW AND WHERE TO VOTE

YOUR OPTIONS FOR VOTING BY NOVEMBER 3.

Vote-by-mail and Absentee Voting

To vote absentee by mail, first you will need to apply for an absentee ballot. Your request must be received by **October 24th, 2020**. Then, when you complete your absentee ballot, it must be received by **Election Day**.

No excuse is needed to [vote by mail](#) in Florida. To [request a vote by mail ballot](#) in Florida, complete an online application on your [county Supervisor of Elections' website](#), call, email, fax, or mail your [Supervisor of Elections](#) or apply in person. The application must include your original signature.

[Click here to track your Florida vote by mail ballot.](#)

To return your Florida vote by mail ballot, return it by mail or at secure drop boxes at the [Supervisor of Elections'](#) main and branch offices and early voting sites.



IMPORTANT TIP:

Voters may designate someone else to pick up their ballot for them. Refer to the [Florida Department of Elections website](#) for instructions on how to complete this process.

In-Person Voting

Where to vote in Florida

You can search for your polling place [here](#).

Voter ID Requirements

Yes - voters need an ID, including first time voters.

Multiple forms of ID are accepted:

- Florida driver's license
- Florida identification card issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
- United States passport
- Debit or credit card
- Military identification
- Student identification
- Retirement center identification
- Neighborhood association identification
- Public assistance identification
- Veteran health identification card issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs
- License to carry a concealed weapon or firearm issued pursuant to s. 790.06
- Employee identification card issued by any branch, department, agency, or entity of the Federal Government, the state, a county, or a municipality.



IMPORTANT TIP:

If you go to your polling place without an approved ID, you can still vote with a provisional ballot. As long as you are eligible and voted in the proper precinct, your vote could count provided the signature on your provisional ballot matches the signature in your registration.

Early Voting

Florida offers in-person early voting. No excuse is needed to vote early. Early voting begins at the latest 10 days before an election and ends at the earliest 3 days before an election.

October 19, 2020 to November 1, 2020 (Miami Dade County)

October 14, 2020 to October 31, 2020 (Monroe County)

You can vote in-person at your local Supervisor of Elections office and other designated locations. Additional dates and times for early voting are determined by each county.

Voter Assistance Hotline

Toll Free 1-866-308-6739 (in English and Español), available Monday-Friday 8 AM to 5 PM, with extended hours during statewide elections.

If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Division by using the Florida Relay Service, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD), 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), or 1-877-955-8773 (Español). For more information visit the Florida Relay Service.

SPECIAL VOTING CIRCUMSTANCES

OPTIONS FOR SPECIAL GROUPS OF VOTERS.

Overseas and Military Voting

[Learn more from Overseas Vote Foundation about overseas and military voting.](#)

Voting for People with Disabilities

[Learn more about voting in Florida if you have a disability.](#)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Find Your Representatives

<https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>

Your State Election Official

Florida Secretary of State

Laurel Lee

<https://dos.myflorida.com/elections/>

Phone: 850.245.6200