

Recommendations for Accessible Voting

Michigan.gov/Coronavirus

The following health guidance is based on the most current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) recommendations for prevention of the spread of COVID-19.

For the **November 3, 2020,** general election in Michigan:

- All voters must be registered to cast a ballot. Same-day registration is available at clerk offices. Check your registration and find your clerk's office at <u>Michigan.gov/Vote</u>.
- Early voting (in-person absentee voting) is available for all voters at their city or township clerk offices.
- Polling places are open on Election Day.
- All voters will be asked to show a photo ID. Voters without ID can sign an affidavit and still vote.

To reduce exposure to COVID-19, voters are encouraged to consider voting absentee.

Accessible absentee voting is easy and safe

Michigan has an accessible absentee voting program, that allows voters with disabilities to receive and mark an absentee ballot electronically. To utilize the program, visit Michigan.gov/Vote and:

- Apply online by 5 p.m. Oct. 30 for the accessible ballot to be sent to you
 electronically.
- Mark the ballot on your personal computer, with your own assistive technology.
- Print the ballot and voter's signature form.
- Sign the form and seal the ballot in an envelope.
- Return it to your clerk's office or ballot drop box. You can find the locations at Michigan.gov/Vote.

Early voting in person with an absentee ballot

In Michigan, early voting is voting in person with an absentee ballot before Election Day and is usually less crowded. Fewer people and shorter lines reduce your COVID-19 exposure, so early voting is another safe and easy way to vote.

For more information, visit Michigan.gov/Coronavirus.

Voters with disabilities can use an accessible voting system at the elections office before Election Day. Local clerk offices are open for early absentee in-person voting **until 4 p.m. November 2.** All voters will be asked to show a photo ID. Voters without ID can sign an affidavit and still vote. Voters seeking to use an accessible voting system for early voting in person are encouraged to **contact their local city or township clerk's office before arriving**. Clerk information is available at Michigan.gov/Vote.

Accessible voting in person on Election Day

For the **November 3 general election** in Michigan:

All polling places are open on Election Day.

Federal law requires that every polling location has at least one accessible voting system. Visit <u>Michigan.gov/Vote</u> to find your polling place and information about how to use the accessible voting systems in your jurisdiction and your clerk's contact information to ask any questions.

If you have a choice of when to vote, polling places are usually less crowded mid-morning or early afternoon.

Other accessible voting options

Ask your <u>local elections office</u> about whether these accessible voting options are available. You can find your clerk's information at <u>Michigan.gov/Vote</u>.

- Ballot delivery to your home or a "ride to the polls" program.
- Curbside or drive-up voting, so you don't have to get out of your car.
- Election and voting information in large print, audio or Braille versions.
- Any requirements to have someone assist you in marking and casting your ballot.

