



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HEALTHY VOTING IN MICHIGAN

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 in your city or township clerk office up until 8 p.m. on Election Day. Check your registration and find your clerk's office at Michigan.gov/Vote.
- Early voting (in-person absentee voting) is available for all voters at their city or township clerk offices.
- All 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.

Voting absentee is safe and easy

All voters can vote with an absentee ballot. Absentee ballots must be received by 8 p.m. on Nov. 3. Due to possible postal delays, voters should not mail absentee ballots this close to Election Day. Voting early reduces the number of people you come in contact with, the time you are in contact with them, and possible lines on Election Day for others.

- **If you have an absentee ballot**, sign the back of the envelope and hand-deliver it to your city or township clerk's office or ballot drop box.
 - If you return your ballot by drop box, wash your hands with soap and water afterward for 20 seconds.
 - Due to the potential for postal delays, voters should only use the mail to return their ballot as a last resort.
- **If you do not have an absentee ballot**, visit your local clerk's office to request one, and fill it out, sign the envelope and submit it in the same trip, or take it home to fill it out, sign the envelope and bring it back to your clerk's office or ballot drop box.

The deadline to request an absentee ballot in person at your clerk's office is 4 p.m. on Nov. 2.

- Follow instructions for healthy voting at your clerk's office.
 - Wear a mask or other face covering and maintain a physical distance of 6 feet to protect yourself, election workers and other voters. It is especially important to sanitize hands and maintain 6 feet of social distance if your mask is removed for identification purposes.
 - Before and after voting, wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
 - If you can, go when the clerk's office will not be as busy, usually mid-morning or early-afternoon.
- You can find the locations of your clerk's office and drop boxes, and track your ballot to ensure it is received, at Michigan.gov/Vote.

Voting in person on Election Day

When you vote in person on Election Day, you go to a polling place to mark and cast your ballot. Polling locations also have accessible voting systems and language accessible options. All voters will be asked to show a photo ID. Voters without ID can sign an affidavit and still vote.

Polling locations are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

- Find your polling place at Michigan.gov/Vote.
- If you prefer to vote in person on Election Day, there are important steps you should take to protect yourself from COVID-19.
- Follow posted instructions for healthy voting at your in-person voting location.
- Wear a mask or other face covering which covers your mouth and nose, and maintain a physical distance of 6 feet to protect yourself, election workers and other voters. It is especially important to sanitize hands and maintain 6 feet of social distance if your mask is removed for identification purposes.
- Bring a coat and other clothes you may need in case you have to wait outside due to distancing requirements for lines.
- Before and after voting, wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- If you can, go when the polling place will not be as busy, usually mid-morning or early afternoon.