



# GET READY TO VOTE CALIFORNIA

## A Guide to Voting in the 2020 Presidential Election



California voters have options for voting this Fall. Due to the ongoing pandemic, every active registered voter will get a ballot in the mail but can choose to vote in-person or vote by mail. Use this guide to get ready to vote.

### REGISTER TO VOTE OR CHECK YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION STATUS

[registertovote.ca.gov](https://registertovote.ca.gov)

Check to make sure your status is active, and your address and preferences are current. You can register to vote in Spanish, Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Tagalog, Thai, and Vietnamese. Remember to register to vote by October 19. To register to vote after October 19, contact your [County Elections Office](#) to find options for registering to vote and voting in-person or from home.

### SIGN UP TO TRACK YOUR BALLOT

[wheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov](https://wheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov)

Get notified when your ballot is mailed to you, and when your county election office receives and counts it. Sign up to receive notifications via email, text or voice calls.

### VOTE EARLY, AND YOU'RE DONE!

[caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov](https://caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov)

Vote before Election Day. Ballots will be mailed to all voters the week of October 5 and you can choose to vote from home or to vote in-person at a voting location.

**Fill out your ballot at home.** Seal, Sign and Date the envelope of your voted ballot. No postage is necessary. Return it as early as possible. You can return your ballot in the following ways:

- **United States Postal Service.** Drop it off at a mailbox or at any post office. Ballots must be postmarked by November 3, Election Day and received at your county election office by November 20.
- **Ballot Drop Box.** Many counties have conveniently located secure ballot boxes throughout the county. [Find a location.](#)
- **In-person Voting Location.** Drop it off at any in-person voting location in your county. Dates and hours vary by county. [Find a location.](#)
- **Trusted Person.** Have a friend or family member drop off your ballot for you. Follow the instructions on the envelope to designate that person.

**Vote in-person.** Many counties will offer opportunities to vote early. Voting locations may be updated in the coming weeks. Know where to go by checking your [County Election Office website](#). Visit a voting location to:

- Vote on accessible voting machines
- Get assistance in the covered languages for your county
- Register and vote the same day
- Get a replacement ballot

### OR VOTE ON ELECTION DAY, TUES. NOV. 3

[Findmypollingplace.sos.ca.gov](https://Findmypollingplace.sos.ca.gov)

Vote in-person on Election Day. Find where to vote. Locations will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. You can vote if you are in line before 8 p.m. Wear a face covering and keep your physical distance. Poll workers will be available to assist you.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Remote Accessible Vote by Mail

Remote Accessible Vote by Mail allows voters with disabilities to use their assistive technology at home to read and mark their ballot. For the 2020 Presidential Election many counties are making remote accessible vote by mail available to all voters who may need it due to unexpected illness or other circumstance. Contact your County Election Office to learn more at [sos.ca.gov/county-elections-offices](https://sos.ca.gov/county-elections-offices).

### Get Assistance

- Contact your County Election Office to get all your voting questions answered at [sos.ca.gov/county-elections-offices](https://sos.ca.gov/county-elections-offices).
- Know your rights as a California voter and visit [sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-bill-rights](https://sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-bill-rights).
- Many counties offer assistance in languages other than English. Contact your [County Election Office](#) to get assistance in your language. The California Secretary of State also operates voter information hotlines in English, Spanish, Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Tagalog, Thai, Vietnamese.

(800) 345-VOTE (8683) - English

(800) 232-VOTA (8682) - español / Spanish

(800) 339-2857 - 中文 / Chinese

(888) 345-2692 - हिन्दी / Hindi

(800) 339-2865 - 日本語 / Japanese

(888) 345-4917 - ខ្មែរ / Khmer

(866) 575-1558 - 한국어 / Korean

(800) 339-2957 - Tagalog

(855) 345-3933 - ภาษาไทย / Thai

(800) 339-8163 - Việt ngữ / Vietnamese

(800)833-8683 - TTY/TDD

For more information visit [sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/voting-california/voter-hotlines](https://sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/voting-california/voter-hotlines).