

## Elections During Covid-19

### Status of U.S. States Voting Rules and Schedule for 2020 Elections

*(Updated: July 31st, 2020)*

States across the country are preparing for an unprecedented election cycle. Covid-19 has pushed states to consider changes to voting policies like Early Voting, Absentee, and Vote-by-Mail. Each state has put together their own schedule for voting this year and we summarize those timelines here.

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# Alabama

## November 3 General Election Deadlines and Dates

<b>Absentee Ballot Request Deadline</b>	<b>Absentee Ballot Return Deadline</b>
Thu Oct 29, 2020	<p><b>Postmarked by</b> Mon Nov 2, 2020</p> <p><b>Hand Delivered by</b> Mon Nov 2, 2020 5:00pm</p> <p><b>Post received by</b> Tue Nov 3, 2020 12:00pm</p>

### Changes due to COVID-19:

**Primary:**

None.

**Nov 3 GE:**

No changes announced to date.

### Comments:

Absentee ballot applications must be received in the office of the Absentee Election Manager for your county no later than the 5th day prior to the election.

An absentee ballot returned by mail must be postmarked no later than the day prior to the election and received by the Absentee Election Manager no later than noon on Election Day. If hand-delivered, the ballot must be in the office of the Absentee Election Manager by the close of business (but no later than 5 p.m.) on the day prior to the election.

**Link to Government site:** <https://www.sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes>

## Alaska

<b>November 3 General Elections</b>		
<b>Absentee Ballot Request Deadline</b>	<b>Absentee Ballot Return Deadline</b>	<b>Early Voting Available</b>
<b>Postmarked by</b> Mon Oct 26, 2020	<b>Postmarked by</b> Tue Nov 3, 2020	Mon Oct 19, 2020 - Sun Nov 1, 2020
<b>Online Request by</b> Mon Nov 2, 2020	<b>Email Received by</b> Tue Nov 3, 2020	
	<b>Post received by</b> Fri Nov 13, 2020	

### Changes due to COVID-19:

**Primary:**

No changes.

**Nov 3 GE:**

No changes announced to date.

### Comments:

Alaska's sparse population and sprawling geography have made absentee and vote-by-mail standard in statewide and local elections. As a result, an ID is required for those voting absentee for the first time, but not for returning voters.

### Link to Government site:

<https://elections.alaska.gov/Core/whocanregisterandwhocanvote.php>

# Arizona

## November 3 General Election Deadlines and Dates

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline	Early Voting Available
<b>Received by</b> Fri Oct 30, 2020 5:00pm MST	Tue Nov 3, 2020 7:00pm MST	Contact Local Election Office

### Changes due to COVID-19

**Nov 3 GE:** N/A. The state’s permanent absentee/mail-in voting procedure is for a request-required absentee/mail-in voting. No excuse is required.

**Comments:** An early ballot may be requested through the state’s new Voter Information Portal or by contacting your County Recorder’s office. Arizonans who vote by mail can mail it back or drop it off at any drop-box or voting location in their county. Registered voters have two ways to get a ballot-by-mail: Sign up for the Permanent Early Voting List when you register to vote, or, request a one-time ballot-by-mail.

**Link to Government site:** <https://azsos.gov/elections>

# Arkansas

## November 3 General Election Deadlines and Dates

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline	Early Voting Available
<b>Post received by</b> Tue Oct 27, 2020  <b>Email by</b> Tue Oct 27, 2020  <b>In-Person Request by</b> Mon Nov 2, 2020	<b>In-Person, Received by</b> Mon Nov 2, 2020  <b>Post received by</b> Tue Nov 3, 2020 7:30pm CST	Mon Oct 19, 2020 8:00am CDT - Mon Nov 2, 2020 5:00pm CST

### Changes due to COVID-19:

**Nov 3 GE:** Gov. Asa Hutchinson (R) and Secretary of State John Thurston (R) announced that voters in the November 3, 2020, general election would be allowed to cite concerns over COVID-19 as a valid excuse for voting absentee.

### Comments:

Depending on the type of election being conducted, you may early vote during the 7 or 15 days prior to Election Day. In most counties, early voting is conducted at the county clerk’s office. In counties with off-site early voting (a location other than the county clerk’s office), local newspapers will publish the designated sites.

The clerk will then issue an absentee ballot to you through the method you selected on the application (in person or by mail, fax is not an accepted method). Complete your ballot and return it to the county clerk as instructed.

The law only specifies a deadline on obtaining absentee ballots by designated bearer. They may pick up your ballot from the county clerk no earlier than 15 days before a preferential or general election and no earlier than 7 days before a runoff and all other elections. You should pick up your ballot based on your ability to deliver it back to the county clerk on time.

**Link to Government site:** <https://www.sos.arkansas.gov/elections>

# California

## November 3 General Election Deadlines and Dates

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline	Early Voting Available
Postmarked by Tue Oct 27, 2020	Postmarked by Tue Nov 3, 2020	Early Voting Period - To Be Announced
	Hand Delivered by Tue Nov 3, 2020 8:00pm PST	
	Post received by Fri Nov 20, 2020	

### Changes due to COVID-19:

**Nov 3 GE:** Mail-in ballots are sent automatically to all voters in the November 3, 2020 general election.

### Comments:

A voter may choose to return the voted ballot by mailing it to the county elections official, returning it in person to a polling place or to the county elections office, dropping it off into one of the ballot-drop boxes, or authorizing someone to return the ballot on their behalf.

Vote-by-mail ballots that are mailed must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by the county elections office no later than 17 days after Election Day.

Vote-by-mail ballots that are personally delivered must be delivered no later than the close of polls at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

**Link to Government site:** <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/>

# Colorado

## November 3 General Election Deadlines and Dates

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline	Early Voting Available
Automatic	Tue Nov 3, 2020 7:00pm MST	Mon Oct 26, 2020 - Mon Nov 2, 2020

### Changes due to COVID-19:

**Primary:**

None.

**Nov 3 GE:**

No changes announced to date.

### Comments:

Every voter receives a mail ballot. The ballot will be sent to the mailing address you provided for your voter registration file. If you prefer to vote at the polls, you can vote in-person at a voter service and polling center. Please visit [www.GoVoteColorado.gov](http://www.GoVoteColorado.gov) to find your polling locations.

Mail ballots must be received by the county clerk and recorder no later than 7:00 PM on Election Day. Voters are encouraged to drop off ballots at designated drop off locations, drop-box locations, or mail their ballots in time to be received by the county clerk before the polls close. Postmarks do not count; ballots must be in the hands of the county clerk by 7:00 PM on Election Day in order to be counted.

**Link to Government site:** <https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/main.html>

# Connecticut

## November 3 General Election Deadlines and Dates

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline	Early Voting Available
Mon Nov 2, 2020	<b>In-Person, Received by</b> Mon Nov 2, 2020	N/A
	<b>Post received by</b> Tue Nov 3, 2020	
	<b>Fax by</b> Tue Nov 3, 2020	

### Changes due to COVID-19:

**Primary:**

Mail-in ballot applications sent automatically to all voters in the August 11, 2020 primary election. Absentee/mail-in voting eligibility extended to any voter in the August 11, 2020 primary if there is no 'federally approved and widely available vaccine for prevention of COVID-19' at the time he or she requests an absentee ballot.

**Nov 3 GE:**

Mail-in ballot applications sent automatically to all voters in the November 3, 2020 general election.

**Comments:** Secure drop-boxes will be provided to every municipality so that absentee ballots may be deposited by voters. Pre-paid postage is provided.

**Link to Government site:** <https://portal.ct.gov/SOTS/Common-Elements/V5-Template---Redesign/Elections--Voting--Home-Page>



## Delaware

### November 3 General Election Deadlines and Dates

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline	Early Voting Available
Mon Nov 2, 2020 12:00pm EST	Tue Nov 3, 2020 8:00pm EST	N/A

### Changes due to COVID-19:

**Nov 3 GE:** Mail-in ballot applications sent automatically to all voters in the 2020 general election.

**Comments:** The absentee ballot application form should be sent back to the Department's office in that voter's county. The absentee ballot does not need to be notarized or witnessed.

**Link to Government site:** <https://elections.delaware.gov/index.shtml>

## District of Columbia

### November 3 General Election Deadlines and Dates

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline	Early Voting Available
Tue Oct 27, 2020	Tue Nov 3, 2020 8:00pm EST	Sat Oct 17, 2020 8:30am EDT - Fri Oct 30, 2020 7:00pm EDT

#### Changes due to COVID-19:

##### Primary:

For the June 2<sup>nd</sup> Primary, voters were urged to request mail-in ballots and encouraged residents to go earlier to vote centers.

##### Nov 3 GE:

For the November election, the D.C. Board of Elections plans to mail a ballot to all registered voters, as well as expand in-person voting opportunities.

**Comments:** A request for an absentee ballot must be received by no later than 7 days before the election in which you wish to vote. The voted and mailed ballot must be postmarked or otherwise demonstrated to have been sent on or before Election Day, and must be arrive no later than the 7th day after Election Day.

**Link to Government site:** <https://www.dcboe.org/home>

## Florida

November 3 General Elections		
Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline	Early Voting Available
<b>Post received by</b> Sat Oct 24, 2020	<b>Postmarked by</b> none	Sat Oct 24, 2020 - Sat Oct 31, 2020
<b>In-Person Request by</b> Fri Oct 31, 2020	<b>In-Person, Received by</b> Tue Nov 3, 2020	
	<b>Post received by</b> Tues Nov 3, 2020	

### Changes due to COVID-19:

**Primary:**

No changes enacted.

**Nov 3 GE:**

No changes announced.

### Comments:

Any voter may vote absentee without excuse or reason. Any voter who wants a vote-by-mail ballot must submit a request to their local election office signed and dated at the proper time in October. Any citizen may also submit a ballot request online. In person voting requires picture and signature verification ID, but absentee and vote by mail ballots only require ID if it is a first-time voter. Ballots that are incomplete are incorrect will be submitted as provisional ballots and the voter's identity will be confirmed subsequently.

**Link to Government site:** <https://dos.myflorida.com/elections/contacts/frequently-asked-questions/faq-voting/>

## Georgia

November 3 General Elections		
Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline	Early Voting Available
<b>Post received by</b> Fri Oct 30, 2020	<b>Postmarked by</b> none	Mon Oct 12, 2020 - Fri Oct 30, 2020
<b>In-Person Request by</b> Fri Oct 30, 2020	<b>In-Person, Received by</b> Mon Nov 2, 2020	
	<b>Post received by</b> Mon Nov 2, 2020	

### Changes due to COVID-19

#### Primary:

Mail-in ballot applications were sent automatically to all voters in the primary on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### Nov 3 GE:

Local counties are now permitted to provide drop-boxes for absentee ballots, instead of requiring voters to mail in their ballots. Counties are also now permitted to process, but not count directly, the result of absentee ballots before Election Day to prepare for an increase in absentee ballot voters in 2020.

#### Comments:

Voters can request an absentee ballot up to 180 days before the election by visiting their local county office. No ID is required for vote-by-mail, but ID is required for in-person early voting. Neither absentee nor early voting require a reason or excuse in Georgia.

**Link to Government site:** <https://sos.ga.gov/admin/files/GAInfoguide.pdf>

## Hawaii

### November 3 General Election Deadlines and Dates

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline	Early Voting Available
Tue Oct 27, 2020	Tue Nov 3, 2020	<b>Election Day Registration + Early Voting</b> Tue Oct 20, 2020 -
		<b>Election Day Registration + Early Voting</b> Mon Nov 2, 2020

#### Changes due to COVID-19:

**Primary:** All properly registered voters will automatically receive a mail ballot packet approximately 18 days prior to the August 8, 2020 election.

**Nov 3 GE:** N/A. Permanent procedures in the state is that every voter receives a mail-in ballot by default.

**Comments:** All properly registered voters will receive a mail ballot packet approximately 18 days prior to the election. Voters may return their ballot by mail or in-person at a designated place of deposit. Voted ballots must be received by the Clerk's Office by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. To ensure it's received by the deadline, voters should mail their voted ballot 3-5 days before the election.

**Link to Government site:** <http://hawaii.gov/elections>

# Idaho

## November 3 General Election Deadlines and Dates

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline	Early Voting Available
Wed Oct 21, 2020 5:00pm MDT	Tue Nov 3, 2020 8:00pm MST	Sat Oct 17, 2020 - Sat Oct 31, 2020 5:00pm MDT
		<b>In-person Absentee Voting Available</b> Deadline Dates Vary by Locality - Sat Oct 31, 2020 5:00pm MDT

### Changes due to COVID-19:

**Primary:** Primary conducted by mail. Mail-in ballot applications sent to all registered voters who had not already requested a ballot. Mail-in ballot return deadline extended to June 2, 2020. Implementation of online process for requesting a mail-in ballot.

**Comments:** Absentee Registration and/or Application for Absentee Ballot must be applied for by the applicant to the County Clerk in the County in which the elector’s Idaho residence is. You must be registered to vote in Idaho to request an absentee ballot.

**Link to Government site:** <https://sos.idaho.gov/elections-division/>

## Illinois

### November 3 General Election Deadlines and Dates

<b>Absentee Ballot Request Deadline</b>	<b>Absentee Ballot Return Deadline</b>	<b>Early Voting Available</b> - Ends Mon Nov 2, 2020
Thu Oct 29, 2020	<b>Postmarked by</b> Tue Nov 3, 2020	<b>At Permanent Polling Places as of</b> Mon Oct 19, 2020
<b>In-Person Request by</b> Mon Nov 2, 2020	<b>Post received by</b> Tue Nov 17, 2020	<b>At Election Authority Office as of</b> Sat Oct 24, 2020

#### Changes due to COVID-19:

**Nov 3 GE:** Mail-in ballot applications sent automatically to all voters in the November 3, 2020, general election.

**Comments:** The application for vote by mail ballot must be sent to the election authority for the jurisdiction in which the voter is registered. The ballot must be placed into the provided certification envelope. The certification on the envelope must be completed, signed, and the envelope sealed. Mailed ballots must be postmarked no later than Election Day, and must be received within 14 days of the election.

**Link to Government site:** <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/>

## Indiana

November 3 General Elections		
Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline	Early Voting Available
<b>Postmarked by</b> Thurs Oct 22, 2020	<b>Postmarked by</b> N/A	Tue Oct 6, 2020– Mon Nov 2, 2020
<b>Online Request by</b> Thurs Oct 22, 2020	<b>In-Person, Received by</b> Tue Nov 3, 2020	
	<b>Post received by</b> Tue Nov 3, 2020	

### Changes due to COVID-19:

#### Primary:

Indiana moved its primary from May 5<sup>th</sup> to June 2<sup>nd</sup> to minimize the spread of the virus. This change happened in conjunction with a temporary removal of the need for a witness in an absentee ballot for the same election.

#### Nov 3 GE:

No changes to voting.

### Comments:

There is currently a push from political groups to extend the no excuse vote-by-mail rules that were in place during the June 2<sup>nd</sup> primary. Many counties have announced more polling places to reduce groups and wait times to vote. Governor Holcomb has yet to decide whether any state-wide action is required.

**Link to Government site:** <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/2402.htm>



# Iowa

## November 3 General Election Deadlines and Dates

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline	In-person Absentee Voting Available
Fri Oct 30, 2020	Tue Nov 3, 2020 9:00pm CST	Mon Oct 5, 2020 - Mon Nov 2, 2020

### Changes due to COVID-19:

**Primary:** Mail-in ballot applications sent automatically to all voters in the June 2, 2020, primary election.

**Comments:** Signed and completed absentee ballot request forms must be delivered to the county auditor. Absentee ballots received in the county auditor's office by the time the polls close on election day are eligible for counting. Absentee ballots received after the polls close on election day must be postmarked by the Monday before Election Day or earlier and received in the county auditor's office no later than noon on the Monday following the election.

**Link to Government site:** <https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterinformation/index.html>

# Kansas

## November 3 General Election Deadlines and Dates

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline	Early Voting Available
Fri Oct 30, 2020	Mon Nov 2, 2020	Tue Jul 21, 2020 - Mon Nov 2, 2020

### Changes due to COVID-19:

**Nov 3 GE:** N/A. The state’s permanent absentee/mail-in voting procedure is for a request-required absentee/mail-in voting. No excuse is required.

**Comments:** Kansas allows voters to cast their ballots through advance voting. Any registered voter can vote by mail or in-person prior to Election Day. To vote by mail, voters should contact their county election officer and request an advance ballot application. Advance ballots are mailed to voters starting 20 days before the election. Voters can also hand-deliver their advance ballot to the county election office or any polling location within their county by the close of polls on Election Day.

**Link to Government site:** <https://sos.kansas.gov/elections/>

## Kentucky

### November 3 General Election Deadlines and Dates

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline	In-person Absentee Voting Available
Tue Oct 27, 2020	Tue Nov 3, 2020 6:00pm EST	Deadline Dates Vary by Locality - Mon Nov 2, 2020

#### Changes due to COVID-19:

**Primary:** Absentee/mail-in voting eligibility requirements suspended, allowing all voters to cast ballots by mail-in the June 23, 2020, primary election.

**Comments:** In the primary election, Kentuckians were allowed to seek an absentee ballot without a notarized signature. The State Board of Elections created an online portal for voters to request ballots. Postcards were also sent to each registered voter encouraging them to participate.

**Link to Government site:** <https://elect.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

## Louisiana

### November 3 General Election Deadlines and Dates

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline	Early Voting Available
Fri Oct 30, 2020 4:30pm CDT	Mon Nov 2, 2020 4:30pm CST	Tue Oct 20, 2020 8:30am CDT - Tue Oct 27, 2020 6:00pm CDT

#### Changes due to COVID-19:

**Nov 3 GE:** No changes announced to date. Permanent mail-in voting procedures offer request-required absentee/mail-in voting. An excuse is required.

**Comments:** Voters can request an absentee by mail ballot online through the “Voter Portal” or in writing through the Registrar of Voters Office (other than military and overseas voters).

**Link to Government site:** <https://www.sos.la.gov/electionsandvoting/Pages/default.aspx>

# Maine

## November 3 General Election Deadlines and Dates

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline	Early Voting Available
Sat Oct 31, 2020	Tue Nov 3, 2020 8:00pm EST	Mon Oct 12, 2020 - Thu Oct 29, 2020 8:00pm EDT
	<b>Received by</b> Tue Nov 3, 2020 8:00pm EST	

### Changes due to COVID-19:

**Primary:** None.

**Nov 3 GE:** No changes announced to date.

### Comments:

You may fill out and deliver the ballot back to the municipal clerk, or to the Secretary of State, Division of Elections. You may make a written request for a "third person" (someone other than the voter or the voter's immediate family member) to obtain and hand-deliver an absentee ballot. You must designate, in a written request or application, the specific third person who will handle and deliver the ballot. Only this designated third person may handle the absentee ballot. Ballots cast in this way must be witnessed by either a notary public, a municipal clerk, a Clerk of Courts, or 2 other witnesses.

**Link to Government site:** <https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/>

## Maryland

### November 3 General Election Deadlines and Dates

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline	Early Voting Available
<b>Request for Postal Ballot by</b> Tue Oct 27, 2020 8:00pm EDT	<b>Postmarked by</b> Tue Nov 3, 2020	Thu Oct 22, 2020 10:00am EDT - Thu Oct 29, 2020 8:00pm EDT
<b>Request for Online Ballot by</b> Fri Oct 30, 2020 5:00pm EDT	<b>Received by</b> Fri Nov 13, 2020 10:00am EST	
<b>In-Person Request by</b> Tue Nov 3, 2020 8:00pm EST		

#### Changes due to COVID-19:

**Primary:** Mail-in ballots sent automatically to all voters in the June 2, 2020, primary (at least one in-person voting center open in each county). Mail-in ballots sent automatically to all voters in the April 28, 2020, special election for Maryland's 7th Congressional District (in-person voting available for those unable to vote by mail).

**Nov 3 GE:** Mail-in ballot applications sent automatically to all voters in the November 3, 2020, general election.

**Comments:** Ballots are typically mailed or available for download about 3 weeks before an election. To return the absentee ballot in person, it must be delivered to your local board of elections by 8 pm on Election Day, or brought to an early voting center or a polling place by the time the polls close. A mailed voted ballot, must be postmarked on or before general election day and received by the local board of elections by 10 am on November 13, 2020.

**Link to Government site:** <https://elections.maryland.gov>

## Massachusetts

### November 3 General Election Deadlines and Dates

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline	Early Voting Available
Wed Oct 28, 2020 12:00pm EDT	Tue Nov 3, 2020 8:00pm EST	Sat Oct 17, 2020 - Fri Oct 30, 2020

#### Changes due to COVID-19:

Absentee/mail-in voting eligibility extended to all qualified voters in the fall primary and general elections.

**Comments:** In July, a law was passed to allow all registered voters in Massachusetts to vote by mail in any 2020 election, with no excuse needed. Under this new law, a vote-by-mail application will be mailed to every person who was registered to vote by July 1 and who had not already requested an absentee ballot for the State Primary or for all elections this year. A second mailing will be sent out in September to all voters who have not already applied for a vote-by-mail ballot for the November election. The applications are pre-addressed to your local election official and no postage is necessary.

**Link to Government site:** <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleidx.htm>

# Michigan

## November 3 General Election Deadlines and Dates

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline	Early Voting Available
Received by Fri Oct 30, 2020 5:00pm EDT	Received by Tue Nov 3, 2020 8:00pm EST	45 days prior to the Election - Mon Nov 2, 2020 4:00pm EST

### Changes due to COVID-19:

**Nov 3 GE:** Mail-in ballot applications sent automatically to all voters in the November 3, 2020, general election.

**Comments:** An excuse is not needed to for an absent voter ballot. The ballot will not be counted unless the signature is on the return envelope and matches your signature on file.

**Link to Government site:** <https://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1633---,00.html>



# Minnesota

## November 3 General Election Deadlines and Dates

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline	Early Voting Available
Tue Nov 3, 2020	Tue Nov 3, 2020	Deadline Dates Vary by Locality
	<b>In-Person, Received by</b> Tue Nov 3, 2020 3:00pm	

### Changes due to COVID-19:

#### Primary:

The absentee ballot postmark deadline was extended to August 11, 2020; the receipt deadline for absentee ballots was extended to August 13, 2020. The witness requirement for absentee ballots was suspended.

**Nov 3 GE:** No changes announced to date.

#### Comments:

Minnesota waived its witness requirements for absentee ballots for the statewide primary election in August under the settlement of two lawsuits sparked by the health threat from the coronavirus pandemic. If the consent decrees hold, it may be extended for November’s general election.

Return your ballot by mail or package delivery service (such as FedEx or UPS). You can also return your ballot in person no later than 3 p.m. on Election Day to the election office that sent your ballot. You can drop off ballots for up to three other voters. You will need to show identification with name and signature when returning a ballot for someone else.

**Link to Government site:** <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/>

# Mississippi

## November 3 General Election Deadlines and Dates

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline	Early Voting Available
No Deadline	<b>Post received by</b> Mon Nov 2, 2020 5:00pm CST	Mississippi does not permit early voting

### Changes due to COVID-19:

**Primary:** None.

**Nov 3 GE:** No changes announced to date.

### Comments:

The Primary Runoff Election previously scheduled for March 31 was postponed until June 23 by an Executive Order by the Governor.

Governor Tate Reeves has stated that he does not see the need to address potential General Election changes at this juncture, meaning in-person voting will still be the primary method for Mississippians to cast their ballots in November unless they qualify for an absentee ballot.

Absentee ballots can be mailed back to the address indicated on the return envelope.

**Link to Government site:** <https://www.sos.ms.gov/Elections-Voting/Pages/default.aspx>

# Missouri

## November 3 General Election Deadlines and Dates

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline	Early Voting Available
<b>Received by</b> Wed Oct 21, 2020 5:00pm CDT	Tue Nov 3, 2020 7:00pm CST	<b>In the Election Office by</b> Mon Nov 2, 2020 5:00pm CST

### Changes due to COVID-19:

#### Primary & Nov 3 GE:

Gov. Mike Parson (R) signed SB631 into law, permitting any registered voter to cast an absentee ballot in any 2020 election, subject to a notarization requirement. Individuals who have contracted COVID-19, and those who are at higher risk for contracting the virus, are exempted from the notarization requirement.

### Comments:

Absentee ballots may be returned in-person, by mail, or by a close relative to their local election authority. Mail in voting may be returned by mail only.

**Link to Government site:** <https://www.sos.mo.gov/elections>

# Montana

## November 3 General Election Deadlines and Dates

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline	In-person Absentee Voting Available
Mon Nov 2, 2020 12:00pm MST	Tue Nov 3, 2020 8:00pm MST	Mon Oct 12, 2020 - Mon Nov 2, 2020 12:00pm MST

### Changes due to COVID-19:

**Primary:**

Counties authorized to send mail-in ballots automatically to all voters in June 2, 2020, primary election.

**Nov 3 GE:**

No changes announced to date.

### Comments:

Any registered voter may vote by absentee ballot. Absentee ballots for federal/state elections are mailed to eligible voters 25 days before Election Day. Absentee ballots must be received at the election office or polling place by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

There is currently no language in the Montana mail-in ballots law supporting the general election. The exception would be another order by Gov. Steve Bullock giving counties the option of a mail ballot election to protect public health. "It is too early to tell what, if any, steps will need to be taken in the general election to protect the public's health, while protecting the right to vote," said Marissa Perry, Bullock's communications director. "As he did in issuing the primary directive, Gov. Bullock will consult with county election administrators, public health experts, emergency management professionals, the Secretary of State, and political leaders from both parties to determine the safest way to proceed once more is known about how the virus could impact communities in the fall."

**Link to Government site:** <https://sosmt.gov/elections/>

# Nebraska

## November 3 General Election Deadlines and Dates

<b>Absentee Ballot Request Deadline</b>	<b>Absentee Ballot Return Deadline</b>	<b>Early Voting Available</b>
Received by Fri Oct 23, 2020	Tue Nov 3, 2020 8:00pm CST	Sun Oct 4, 2020 - Mon Nov 2, 2020 5:00pm CST

### Changes due to COVID-19:

**Primary:**

Mail-in ballot applications sent automatically to all voters in the May 12, 2020, election.

**Nov 3 GE:**

No changes announced to date.

### Comments:

The return envelope containing the ballots may be mailed back to the County Election Office returned by personal delivery, an agent, or courier service to the county office or drop box. You can vote early in-person at your county election office for a period prior to an election (30 days prior to a primary or general election and 15 days for all other elections). The day before the election is the last day to vote early in person.

**Link to Government site:** <https://sos.nebraska.gov/elections/2020-elections>

## Nevada

### November 3 General Election Deadlines and Dates

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline	Early Voting Available
Post received by Tue Oct 27, 2020	Tue Nov 3, 2020 7:00pm	Sat Oct 17, 2020 - Fri Oct 30, 2020

#### Changes due to COVID-19:

**Primary:** Mail-in ballots sent automatically to all voters in the June 9, 2020, primary election. Limited in-person polling locations available.

**Comments:** If returned by mail, absent ballots must be postmarked by Election Day. Absent ballots that are postmarked by Election Day and received no later than 7 days after the election will be counted.

**Link to Government site:** <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections>

## New Hampshire November 3 General Election Deadlines and Dates

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline
Mon Nov 2, 2020	<p><b>In-Person Request by</b> Mon Nov 2, 2020 5:00pm EST</p> <p><b>Post received by</b> Tue Nov 3, 2020 5:00pm EST</p>

### Changes due to COVID-19:

#### Primary & Nov 3 GE:

Absentee/mail-in voting eligibility in the September 8 primary and the November 2020 general election extended to any voter who is unable to vote in person because of illness resulting from COVID-19 or 'who fears that voting in person may expose himself/herself or others to COVID-19.'

### Comments:

Ballots may be mailed to the city or town clerk's office. As an alternative, the voter, the voter's spouse, parent, sibling or child may personally deliver the envelope to the clerk. If delivered to the polls on Election Day by a spouse, parent sibling or child he or she will be required to present government issued photo identification or have his or her identity verified by the clerk and complete a form provided there by the clerk. If the voter delivers the absentee ballot, affidavit, sealed in the outer envelope in person to the clerk, the voter may voluntarily prove his or her identity using a qualified photo identification, such as a driver's license or non-driver ID issued by any state. If the voter proves identity, the outer envelope and the Clerk's list of absentee voters will be marked "voter verified." If the voter's absentee ballot is challenged on Election Day, the Moderator may consider this evidence that the voter's identity was verified by the clerk when ruling on the challenge.

**Link to Government site:** <https://sos.nh.gov/Elections.aspx>

## New Jersey

### November 3 General Election Deadlines and Dates

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline
Post received by Tue Oct 27, 2020	Postmarked by Tue Nov 3, 2020 8:00pm EST
In-Person Request by Mon Nov 2, 2020 3:00pm EST	In-Person, Received by Tue Nov 3, 2020 8:00pm EST
	Post received by Thu Nov 5, 2020 8:00pm EST

#### Changes due to COVID-19:

**Primary:** Mail-in ballots sent automatically to all registered, active Democratic and Republican voters in July 7, 2020, elections. Mail-in ballot applications sent automatically to all unaffiliated and inactive voters.

**Comments:** The vote-by-mail application must be received by the County Clerk 7 days prior to the election. A voter may also apply in person to the County Clerk prior to 8:00 P.M. the day of the election.

**Link to Government site:** <https://www.state.nj.us/state/elections/index.shtml>



## New Mexico

November 3 General Elections		
Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline	Early Voting Available
<b>Postmarked by</b> Fri Oct 30, 2020	<b>Postmarked by</b> Tue Nov 3, 2020	Sat Oct 17, 2020 – Fri Oct 31st, 2020
<b>Online Request by</b> Thu Oct 29, 2020	<b>In-Person, Received by</b> Tue Nov 3, 2020	
	<b>Post received by</b> Tue Nov 10, 2020	

### Changes due to COVID-19:

#### Primary:

Absentee/mail-in voting eligibility requirements suspended, allowing all voters to cast ballots by mail for 6/23 primary election. Mail-in ballot applications sent automatically to all voters and absentee ballot submission deadline extended to 6/23.

#### Nov 3 GE:

Drive thru polling locations have been passed as a temporary measure for the 2020 general citing public health concerns of in-person voting stations. Local officials are also now permitted to tabulate the results of absentee ballots as they arrive to increase counting capacity on election night.

### Comments:

Recent legislation passed in New Mexico has expanded the Secretary of Health and Governor’s power to install expanded early voting and more generous vote-by-mail provisions up to 60 days before the election if public health remains a concern. These changes could include expanded early voting days, increased polling sites, or an emergency provision of complete vote-by-mail election. None of these provisions have been enacted upon thus far.

**Link to Government site:** <https://www.sos.state.nm.us/voting-and-elections/voter-information/voter-registration-information/>

## New York

November 3 General Elections		
Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline	Early Voting Available
<b>Postmarked by</b> Tue Oct 27, 2020	<b>Postmarked by</b> Mon Nov 2, 2020	Sat Oct 24, 2020 - Sun Nov 1, 2020
<b>In-Person Request by</b> Mon Nov 2, 2020	<b>In-Person, Received by</b> Tue Nov 3, 2020	
	<b>Post received by</b> Tue Nov 10, 2020	

### Changes due to COVID-19:

#### Primary:

Absentee/mail-in voting eligibility requirements suspended, allowing all voters to cast ballots by mail for 6/23 primary election. Mail-in ballot applications sent automatically to all voters and absentee ballot submission deadline extended to 6/23.

#### Nov 3 GE:

No changes announced to date.

**Link to Government site:** <https://www.elections.ny.gov/>

## North Carolina

November 3 General Elections		
Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline	Early Voting Available
<b>Postmarked by</b> Tue Oct 27, 2020	<b>Postmarked by</b> Mon Nov 2, 2020	Thurs Oct 15, 2020 – Sat 31, 2020
<b>In-Person Request by</b> Mon Nov 2, 2020	<b>In-Person, Received by</b> Tue Nov 3, 2020	
	<b>Post received by</b> Tue Nov 3, 2020	

### **Changes due to COVID-19:**

#### **Primary:**

The requirement of 2 witnesses for an absentee ballot has been reduced to 2 for all 2020 elections.

#### **Nov 3 GE:**

The requirement of 2 witnesses for an absentee ballot has been reduced to 2 for all 2020 elections.

### **Comments:**

North Carolina's state government is currently facing a lawsuit from the ACLU challenging the witness requirement for absentee ballots in the November election. Experts in the state are predicting an increase from about 5% of voters being absentee in 2016 to around 40% in 2020.

**Link to Government site:** <https://www.ncsbe.gov/index.html>

## North Dakota

<b>November 3 General Elections</b>		
<b>Absentee Ballot Request Deadline</b>	<b>Absentee Ballot Return Deadline</b>	<b>Early Voting Available</b>
<b>Postmarked by</b> Mon Nov 2, 2020	<b>Postmarked by</b> none	Varies by locality
<b>In-Person Request by</b> Fri Oct 30, 2020	<b>In-Person, Received by</b> Tue Nov 3, 2020	
	<b>Post received by</b> Mon Nov 2, 2020	

### Changes due to COVID-19:

#### Primary:

Local counties were permitted to conduct elections in June exclusively by mail. Mail in ballots were sent to every voter automatically.

#### Comments:

According to North Dakota law, absentee ballots are to be made available by the 40th day before the election. Returned absentee ballots must have an official postmark or date stamp on the envelope, email, or fax by the day before the election. Voter ID is required for both absentee ballots and in person voting. If the ballot is incomplete, then it will be returned to the voter for resubmission. All resubmissions must be received by Election Day to qualify.

**Link to Government site:** <https://sos.nd.gov/elections>

## Ohio

November 3 General Elections		
Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline	Early Voting Available
<b>Received by</b> Sat Oct 31, 2020	<b>Postmarked by</b> Tue Nov 3, 2020	Tue Oct 6, 2020 – Mon Nov 2, 2020
<b>Online Request by</b> N/A	<b>In-Person, Received by</b> Tue Nov 3, 2020	
	<b>Post received by</b> Fri Nov 13, 2020	

### Changes due to COVID-19:

#### Primary:

Ohio moved the date of the primary from March 17<sup>th</sup> to April 28<sup>th</sup> and severely reduced in-person voting. Only those without an address or who were disabled could vote in person, while everyone else could vote-by-mail. Applications for absentee ballots were received up to 1 day before the election, though they need to be received by the election office by the end of Election Day.

#### Nov 3 GE:

The Ohio Senate passed a bill requiring full in-person voting be available on Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> preventing a similar situation to the primary. After historically low turnout in the primary, the legislature wanted to ensure a standard election practice.

#### Comments:

Although the legislature enforced in-person voting, the president of the senate also stated that this might not be the end of voting laws for 2020 in Ohio. There is potential in the future for expanded vote-by-mail or extended early voting periods.

**Link to Government site:** <https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/>

# Oklahoma

## November 3 General Election Deadlines and Dates

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline	Early Voting Available
Wed Oct 28, 2020 5:00pm CDT	Tue Nov 3, 2020	Thu Oct 29, 2020 8:00am CDT - Sat Oct 31, 2020 2:00pm CDT

### Changes due to COVID-19:

#### Primary & Nov 3 GE:

On May 7, 2020, Governor Kevin Stitt (R) signed SB210 into law, reinstating the absentee ballot notarization requirement struck down by the state supreme court on May 4, 2020. The legislation also included provisions applicable only to the 2020 election cycle. SB210 permitted voters to submit copies of their identification in lieu of fulfilling the notarization requirement in the event of a state of emergency occurring within 45 days of an election. The legislation also specified that individuals experiencing symptoms indicative of COVID-19, and individuals classified as vulnerable to infection, could cast an absentee ballot under the 'physical incapacitation' eligibility criterion.

### Comments:

You can vote early at the County Election Board office in the county where you are registered to vote from 8 AM to 6 PM on Thursday and Friday before all elections. For state and federal elections only, early voting is available from 9 AM to 2 PM on the Saturday before the election.

If your absentee ballot is mailed to you, you must return it to the county election board by mail. An absentee ballot must be received by the county election board before 7 p.m. on Election Day to be counted. Standard absentee ballots may also be delivered in-person to your county election board during regular business hours. Ballots delivered by hand must be returned no later than the end of business hours on the day before the election. Only standard absentee ballots may be returned in-person, and the voter must show proper identification. Those who request absentee ballots under the special conditions for those who are physically incapacitated (including new COVID-19 eligibility) or care for physically incapacitated persons who cannot be left alone may only return their ballots by mail.

Voters may cast an absentee ballot in person at the county election board office from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday and Friday before all elections. For state and federal elections only, in-person absentee voting also is available from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. In-person absentee voters must fill out and sign an application form when they arrive to vote.

**Link to Government site:** <https://www.ok.gov/elections/>

## Oregon

November 3 General Elections		
Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline	Early Voting Available
Postmarked by Wed Oct 14, 2020	Postmarked by Thurs Oct 29, 2020	None
In-Person Request by Mon Nov 2, 2020	In-Person, Received by Tue Nov 3, 2020	
	Post received by Tue Nov 3, 2020	

### Changes due to COVID-19:

**Primary:** No changes announced to date.

**Nov 3 GE:** No changes announced to date.

**Link to Government site:** <https://sos.oregon.gov/voting-elections/pages/default.aspx>

## Pennsylvania

November 3 General Elections		
Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline	Early Voting Available
<b>Postmarked by</b> Tue Oct 27, 2020	<b>Postmarked by</b> Tue Nov 3, 2020	Sat Oct 24, 2020 - Sun Nov 1, 2020
<b>In-Person Request by</b> Mon Nov 2, 2020	<b>In-Person, Received by</b> Tue Nov 3, 2020	
	<b>Post received by</b> Tue Nov 10, 2020	

### Changes due to COVID-19:

#### Primary:

Large population counties of Allegheny, Dauphin, Erie, Montgomery, and Philadelphia extended their ballot receipt deadline to June 9<sup>th</sup> with the ballot postmarked no later than June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### Nov 3 GE:

The Nov 10<sup>th</sup> date to receive mail in ballots was a result of an executive order that expanded that date a week beyond the election. Local counties are allowed to provide drop boxes for mail-in ballots.

### Comments:

Thousands of mail-in ballots arrived the days after the June primary in Pennsylvania which created a chaotic end to a primary that expanded access to vote-by-mail measures. Leadership in the state responded by extending the absentee ballot submission date, but those measure are currently being challenged in court by the federal government.

**Link to Government site:** <https://www.pa.gov/guides/voting-and-elections/>



## **Rhode Island**

November 3 General Elections		
Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline	Early Voting Available
<b>Postmarked by</b> Fri Oct 16, 2020	<b>Postmarked by</b> Mon Nov 2, 2020	Wed Oct 14, 2020 - Mon Nov 2, 2020
<b>In-Person Request by</b> Mon Nov 2, 2020	<b>In-Person, Received by</b> Tue Nov 3, 2020	
	<b>Post received by</b> Tue Nov 3, 2020	

### **Changes due to COVID-19:**

#### **Primary:**

Mail-in ballot applications sent automatically to all voters for the June 2<sup>nd</sup> primary.

#### **Nov 3 GE:**

No changes announced to date.

### **Comments:**

In 2016, over 80% of the ballots submitted were by mail-in Rhode Island. Experts expect that number to rise even higher in 2020, but the laws in the state were already in place to handle a surge of vote-by-mail.

**Link to Government site:** <https://vote.sos.ri.gov/>

## South Carolina

### November 3 General Election Deadlines and Dates

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline	In Person Absentee Voting Available
Fri Oct 30, 2020 5:00pm EDT	<b>Received by</b> Tue Nov 3, 2020 7:00pm EST	Mon Oct 5, 2020 - Mon Nov 2, 2020 5:00pm EST

### Changes due to COVID-19:

#### Primary:

McMaster signed into law a bill allowing any eligible South Carolina voter to request an absentee ballot for the state's June 9, 2020, primary and subsequent runoff elections. A federal judge suspended the absentee ballot witness requirement in the June 9, 2020, primary and subsequent runoff elections.

#### Nov 3 GE:

The South Carolina Election Commission announced that return postage for all mailed absentee ballots in the November 3, 2020, general election would be prepaid.

### Comments:

The South Carolina Election Commission has written a letter to state lawmakers calling for them to create legislation that will help the voting process on Election Day in November.

Marci Andino, the executive director of the South Carolina Election Commission, sent the letter to state Sen. Harvey Peeler and South Carolina House Speaker Jay Lucas last Friday, expressing serious concerns about the coronavirus pandemic and its impact to the November elections.

Before the June primaries, the General Assembly passed a bill that allowed qualified voters to vote absentee, but for the June primaries only, and also the opening of absentee ballot return envelopes the day before the election. Andino said the changes and the efforts by voters, poll managers and election officials led to successful primaries, "however, success in June does not necessarily translate to success in November. Voter turnout and absentee voting in a General Election are significantly higher than in primaries," Andino wrote. "Even under normal circumstances, presidential elections are the ultimate test of any state's election process." In the letter, Andino estimates that more than 1.6 million absentee ballots will be cast in November, and if voters choose by mail, more than 1 million of those ballots will be cast by mail. The Election Commission is concerned that the absentee-by-mail process will be overwhelmed and overrun if they have the same rules and provisions in place as the June primaries.

**Link to Government site:** <https://www.scvotes.gov/>

## South Dakota November 3 General Election Deadlines and Dates

<b>Absentee Ballot Request Deadline</b>	<b>Absentee Ballot Return Deadline</b>	<b>In-person Absentee Voting Available</b>
Mon Nov 2, 2020 5:00pm	<b>Received by</b> Tue Nov 3, 2020 7:00pm	Fri Sep 18, 2020 - Mon Nov 2, 2020

### Changes due to COVID-19:

**Primary:** Mail-in ballot applications sent automatically to all voters in the June 2, 2020 election.

**Comments:** All Local Election Offices will accept mailed or hand-delivered absentee ballot request forms. Your application must actually arrive by this time -- simply being postmarked by the deadline is insufficient. Mail your voted ballot back to the address indicated on the return envelope. (You may not hand-deliver your voted absentee ballot)

**Link to Government site:** <https://sdsos.gov/elections-voting/default.aspx>

# Tennessee

## November 3 General Election Deadlines and Dates

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline	In Person Absentee Voting Available
Tue Oct 27, 2020	Tue Nov 3, 2020 8:00pm EST	Wed Oct 14, 2020 - Thu Oct 29, 2020

### Changes due to COVID-19:

#### Primary:

On June 4, 2020, the Chancery Court for Tennessee's Twentieth Judicial District ruled that Tennessee's absentee voting law, which limits eligibility to those meeting certain criteria, "during the unique circumstances of the pandemic, constitutes an unreasonable burden on the fundamental right to vote guaranteed by the Tennessee Constitution." The court ordered the state to extend absentee voting eligibility to all Tennessee voters during the course of the pandemic. The state supreme court declined to stay the decision, allowing it to stand pending appeal.

#### Nov 3 GE:

No changes announced to date.

### Comments:

Pursuant to the June 4, 2020 Order of the Davidson County Chancery Court, if you are a registered voter and do not wish to vote in-person due to the COVID-19 situation, you are eligible to request an absentee ballot by mail. You also have the option to vote in-person during early voting or on Election Day.

**Link to Government site:** <https://sos.tn.gov/elections>

## Texas

November 3 General Elections		
Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline	Early Voting Available
<b>Received by</b> Fri Oct 23, 2020	<b>Postmarked by</b> Tue Nov 3, 2020	Sat Oct 13, 2020– Fri Oct 30, 2020
<b>Online Request by</b> N/A	<b>In-Person, Received by</b> Tue Nov 3, 2020	
	<b>Post received by</b> Wed Nov 4, 2020	

### Changes due to COVID-19:

#### Primary:

No changes were made.

#### Nov 3 GE:

Governor Abbot extended the early voting period a week to October 13<sup>th</sup> and allowed voters to turn in mail ballots in person for the first time. A federal lawsuit was filed by a few voting groups claiming the government had to do more to accommodate voters during the pandemic to prevent creating an “undue burden” on the public.

### Comments:

No changes have been made to the state’s mail ballot laws which require a “significant reason” that one can’t make it to the polls. A federal lawsuit was filed by a few voting groups claiming the government had to do more to accommodate voters during the pandemic to prevent creating an “undue burden” on the public.

**Link to Government site:** <https://www.votetexas.gov/>

## Utah

November 3 General Elections		
Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline	Early Voting Available
<b>Received by</b> Ballots mailed to all voters	<b>Postmarked by</b> Mon Nov 2, 2020	Tue Oct 20, 2020– Sat Oct 31, 2020
<b>Online Request by</b> Ballots mailed to all voters	<b>In-Person, Received by</b> Tue Nov 3, 2020	
	<b>Post received by</b> Tue Nov 10, 2020	

### Changes due to COVID-19:

#### Primary:

Utah’s primary was conducted primarily by mail with drop boxes available until 8:00 PM on Election Day. Mail ballots were sent to all registered voters 2 weeks before the election. Some localities provided drive-through voting as a replacement for in-person, while others had no in person option.

#### Nov 3 GE:

No changes announced.

### Comments:

After weeks of counting ballots, the all mail primary was a resounding success that lead to higher turnout than 2016 or 2012. A similar model is being considered now for the General Election with ballots being mailed to voters and drive through voting replacing in-person where necessary.

**Link to Government site:** <https://voteinfo.utah.gov/covid-19-information/>

## Vermont

November 3 General Elections		
Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline	Early Voting Available
<b>Postmarked by</b> Tue Oct 27, 2020	<b>Postmarked by</b> None	Sun Sept 20, 2020 - Mon Nov 2, 2020
<b>In-Person Request by</b> Mon Nov 2, 2020	<b>In-Person, Received by</b> Tue Nov 3, 2020	
	<b>Post received by</b> Tue Nov 3, 2020	

### Changes due to COVID-19:

#### Primary:

Absentee/mail-in voting eligibility requirements suspended, allowing all voters to cast ballots by mail for 6/23 primary election. Mail-in ballot applications sent automatically to all voters and absentee ballot submission deadline extended to 6/23.

#### Nov 3 GE:

No changes announced to date.

### Comments:

All early voter absentee ballot requests must be submitted by 5 p.m. or by the close of the town clerk's office on the day before the election. All ballots must be returned to the town clerk's office before the close of the office on the day before the election, or to the polling place before 7 p.m. on the day of the election, in order to be counted. Absentee ballots will be available on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 or earlier.

**Link to Government site:** <https://sos.vermont.gov/>

## Virginia

November 3 General Elections		
Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline	Early Voting Available
<b>Postmarked by</b> Fri Oct 23, 2020	<b>Postmarked by</b> None	Sept Oct 19, 2020 - Sat Oct 31, 2020
<b>In-Person Request by</b> Sat Oct 31, 2020	<b>In-Person, Received by</b> Tue Nov 3, 2020	
	<b>Post received by</b> Tue Nov 3, 2020	

### Changes due to COVID-19:

#### Primary:

All witness requirements for absentee ballots in the June 23<sup>rd</sup> primary.

#### Nov 3 GE:

No changes announced to date.

### Comments:

After a settlement determined by federal court, Virginia suspended witness requirements for absentee ballots in the primary but have yet to do the same for the general election in November.

**Link to Government site:** <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/index.html>



## Washington State

November 3 General Elections		
Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline	Early Voting Available
<b>Postmarked by</b> Tue Nov 3, 2020	<b>Postmarked by</b> Thurs Oct 29, 2020	Fri Oct 16, 2020 – Tue Nov 3, 2020
<b>In-Person Request by</b> None	<b>In-Person, Received by</b> Tue Nov 3, 2020	
	<b>Post received by</b> Tue Nov 3, 2020	

### Changes due to COVID-19:

**Primary:** No changes.

**Nov 3 GE:** No changes announced to date.

### Comments:

Washington had opened early voting regulations before Covid which has led to few changes in their policy. All citizens receive a mail ballot approximately 18 days before the election and can submit the ballot up to Election Day. All ballots sent to citizens come with pre-paid postage and can be submitted by mail or by ballot drop boxes across the state. These drop boxes are open until 8 pm on Election Day.

**Link to Government site:** [https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/faq\\_vote\\_by\\_mail.aspx](https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/faq_vote_by_mail.aspx)

## West Virginia

### November 3 General Election Deadlines and Dates

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline	Early Voting Available
Wed Oct 28, 2020	<p><b>Hand Delivered by</b> Mon Nov 2, 2020</p> <p><b>Postmarked by</b> Tue Nov 3, 2020</p> <p><b>Received by</b> Wed Nov 4, 2020</p> <p><b>Post received by</b> Mon Nov 9, 2020</p>	Wed Oct 21, 2020 - Sat Oct 31, 2020

#### Changes due to COVID-19:

##### Primary:

Mail-in ballot applications sent automatically to all voters in the May 12, 2020 election.

##### Nov 3 GE:

West Virginia has developed and will offer voters a free, easy-to-use online absentee ballot request portal for the 2020 General Election.

#### Comments:

On July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Secretary of State Mac Warner issued guidelines for voters to participate in the November General Election during the COVID-19 pandemic. Beginning Aug. 11, 2020, voters will be able to complete an application using the Absentee Ballot Application Portal.

**Link to Government site:** <https://sos.wv.gov/elections/Pages/GoVoteWV.aspx>

## Wisconsin

November 3 General Elections		
Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline	Early Voting Available
<b>Postmarked by</b> Tue Oct 29, 2020	<b>Postmarked by</b> Tue Nov 3, 2020	Varies by locality
<b>In-Person Request by</b> Fri Oct 30, 2020	<b>In-Person, Received by</b> Tue Nov 3, 2020	
	<b>Post received by</b> Fri Nov 6, 2020	

### Changes due to COVID-19:

#### Primary:

Absentee voter applications were extended to April 5<sup>th</sup> for the elections on April 7<sup>th</sup>.  
Electronic voter registration was also extended until March 30<sup>th</sup> for the same election.

#### Nov 3 GE:

No changes announced to date.

### Comments:

Wisconsin's Supreme Court's ruling restricting government emergency powers during Covid has prevented changes to the voting process for the upcoming elections. There are no restrictions on who can vote absentee and the ballot request does not require an excuse or reason.

**Link to Government site:** <https://elections.wi.gov/voters>

## Wyoming

November 3 General Elections		
Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline	Early Voting Available
<b>Postmarked by</b> Tue Oct 27, 2020	<b>Postmarked by</b> None	Sat Sept 19, 2020 - Tue Nov 3, 2020
<b>In-Person Request by</b> Mon Nov 2, 2020	<b>In-Person, Received by</b> Tue Nov 3, 2020	
	<b>Post received by</b> Tue Nov 3, 2020	

### Changes due to COVID-19:

**Primary:** No changes.

**Nov 3 GE:** No changes announced to date.

### Comments:

Wyoming allows any citizen to submit an absentee ballot with no excuse required. The process does not require a witness or proof of identity beyond a signature. Only voters who have not yet voted in Wyoming are required to provide state or national ID in person or absentee.

**Link to Government site:** <https://www.vote.org/state/wyoming/>