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www.dlc.v.org/voting-rights

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www.elections.virginia.gov/voter-complaints

GET OUT OUR VOTE 2020

A Guide to
Accessible Voting

Produced by

The disAbility Law Center of
Virginia



Election Day is now a State Holiday

**Election day is always held on the
Tuesday after the first Monday in
November.**

**Unlike some states, Virginia
does not require employers to
provide any time off to vote.**

**If your work schedule conflicts
with polling place hours,** it is a
good idea ask your employer in
advance if you can take some time
off to vote.

Or, consider registering to vote
absentee

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3. Vote!

All you need to vote is your form of ID and a
mask, if it is safe for you to wear one.

Your Voice Matters!

**Make your voice heard this
Election Day!**

Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020

6am-7pm

The disability vote is a swing vote.

Please let us know if your voting
experience was accessible at:

www.dlcv.org/voting-rights-survey

**If you have questions, concerns,
or complaints about accessing
your right to vote, contact dLCV:**

By Email: info@dLCV.org

Call Us: 1-800-552-3962

Or Drop In: 1512 Willow Lawn Dr.,
Suite 100, Richmond, VA 23230

**OR contact the Accessibility
Coordinator at the Department
of Elections:**

Email: info@elections.virginia.gov

Phone: (800) 552-9745

or **TTY** 711

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How to VOTE:

1. Register to vote

You can find instructions for online, mail-in, and in-person registration at the following link.

**[elections.virginia.gov/
registration/how-to-register](https://elections.virginia.gov/registration/how-to-register)**

Registration closes 22 days before the Presidential election. Check if you are already registered at:

**[vote.elections.virginia.gov/
VoterInformation](https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation)**

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2. Decide How You Will Vote

Due to Coronavirus, there are 4 ways individuals with a disability can vote.

1. In Person
2. Curbside
3. Absentee
4. Absentee Satellite Sites (only available in some localities)

Remember

As an individual with a disability, you are entitled to assistance if you need it, no matter which of the 4 ways you choose to vote.

Emergency Absentee Voting

If you miss the deadline to vote absentee or cannot vote in person because of a personal emergency, like being in the hospital or experiencing a death in your family, you can apply for an emergency absentee ballot so that you don't miss your opportunity to vote.

4. Absentee Satellite Sites

Local Registrar's Offices always offer in-person absentee voting. Due to Coronavirus, some localities offer additional locations to vote absentee in-person, called Absentee Satellite Sites. Check with your Local Registrar to find out if there are satellite sites near you.

3. Absentee Voting

When you register to vote absentee, you get your ballot in advance. That's why absentee voting is sometimes called early voting. You can **vote** absentee in person or by mail. And you can **request** an absentee ballot online, in person, or by mail.

Request a mail-in absentee ballot by: 5pm Oct. 23, 2020

Mail-in absentee ballots postmarked on or before Election Day and received by the General Registrar's Office by noon of the third day after the election will be counted.

Or vote in person absentee by:

5pm Oct. 31, 2020

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1. Voting in Person

Find your polling location in your registration information and attend **Tuesday, November 3rd, 2020 between 6am and 7pm.**

You can find your polling place through the VA Dept. of Elections online Citizen Portal.

2. Curbside Voting

If you are 65 or older or have a physical disability, you can vote curbside, in your car, at your polling location, on Election Day. Bring someone with you who can go into the polling location to request curbside voting assistance for you.

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Valid forms of ID for VA Voting:

- voter registration confirmation
- VA driver's license (even if expired)
- U.S. passport
- any other ID issued by VA or USA
- any student ID from a VA private school or US institution of higher education or photo employee ID
- copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, or other government document so long as it lists your name and address.

If you do not have a form of ID, YOU CAN STILL VOTE if you sign a legal statement confirming your identity.

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In-person Voting Accessibility Requirements

The Virginia Dept. of Elections lists the following requirements for all in person voting locations, including Absentee Satellite Sites:

- Accessible parking spaces with curb where needed
- Signs showing accessible route to building and accessible entrances
- At least one accessible voting booth with chair
- Seating available for waiting to vote
- Sufficient space for wheelchairs to maneuver
- Notepads for written communication with election officials
- Magnifiers for election materials

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