

Election Day is now a State Holiday



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

What changes now that Election Day is a State Holiday?

Making Election Day a holiday emphasizes the significance of having time to vote.

However, it does not mean that everyone will have the ability to come in late, or leave work to vote. Nurses, retail salespeople, and the like will still be working on Election Day, just like any other holiday.

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 so that you can vote at your convenience.

The disAbility Law Center of Virginia is mandated by the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (PL 107-252) to advocate for the rights of Virginia voters with disabilities under the federal law.

Moreover, we want to help. If you have questions, concerns, or complaints about accessing your right to vote, contact us:

By Email: info@dLCV.org

Call Us: 1-800-552-3962

Or Drop In: 1512 Willow Lawn Drive, 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 TYY 711

Make Voting Accessibility Complaints to the Department of Elections at:

www.elections.virginia.gov/voter-complaints

More voting accessibility information can be found on our website:

www.dlc.v.org/voting-rights

If you or someone you know has lost their right to vote due to a felony conviction, the application to restore the right to vote can be found at: www.restore.virginia.gov

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A Guide to

Accessible Voting

Produced by

The disAbility Law
Center of Virginia



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

The last day to register to vote in the 2020 Presidential Election is Oct. 13, 2020. Check if you are already registered at:

vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation

Make sure you are registered at your current address.

2 Decide How You Will Vote

Due to Coronavirus, there are currently 4 potential ways for individuals with disabilities to vote.

1. ABSENTEE VOTING

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

Request a mail-in absentee ballot by:

5pm Oct. 23, 2020

By Mail Absentee Ballots that are postmarked on or before Election Day and received by the General Registrar's Office by noon on the 3rd day after Election Day will be counted.

OR vote absentee in person by: 5pm Oct. 31, 2020.

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. Learn more here:
elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/absentee-voting

2. VOTING IN PERSON

To vote in person, find your polling location. One way to find your polling location is through the VA Dept. of Elections Citizen Portal. All you need to bring with you is a form of identification (ID) and a mask, if it is safe for you to wear one.

You can bring any of these forms of ID:

- voter registration confirmation documents
- VA driver's license (even if expired)
- U.S. passport
- any other ID issued by VA or the US government
- 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 any of these forms of ID, YOU CAN STILL VOTE if you sign a legal statement confirming your identity****

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 voters waiting to vote -
 - Sufficient space for wheelchairs to maneuver -
- Notepads for written communication with election -
 - officials -
- Magnifiers for election materials and ballots -

3. CURBSIDE VOTING

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

4. ABSENTEE SATELLITE SITES

Local Registrar's Offices always offer in-person absentee voting. Due to Coronavirus, some localities also offer additional locations for in-person absentee voting, called Absentee Satellite Sites. Check with your Local Registrar to see if there will be Absentee Satellite Sites near you.



Remember



As an individual with a disability, you are entitled to assistance if you need it, no matter which of the four forms of voting you choose.

3 VOTE!

Your Voice Matters!

Make Your Voice Heard this Election Day

Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020

6am-7pm

Please let us know if your voting experience was accessible at: www.dlcv.org/voting-rights-survey

The disability vote is a swing vote!