

League of Women Voters of Delaware

VOTING IN DELAWARE DURING COVID



Are you confused about voting ?

—*you are not the only one*

Here is what we are going to cover

- Review important election dates
- Review how to vote this year
- Review helpful websites



STATE PRIMARY SEPTEMBER 15

Register by August 22

How to Vote

- **Vote-by-mail**
- **Vote absentee**
- **Vote at the polls**



GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 3

Register by October 10

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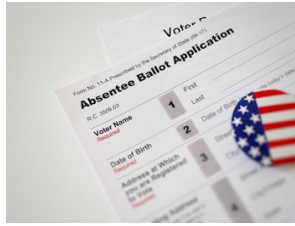
HB346 – Bill to allow vote by mail in 2020

The Governor signed a bill July 1 to allow vote by mail for only the 2020 state primary and general elections due to COVID.



How do you vote by mail

- The Department of Elections will send all registered Democrats and Republicans a **request** for a vote-by-mail ballot 60 days prior to the state primary election. They will mail all registered voters a **request** for a vote-by-mail ballot 60 days prior to the general election.
- If you would like to vote-by-mail, complete the ballot request form and mail, fax, or email back to the Department of Elections.
- You will receive a ballot in the mail with a stamped return envelope. Fill out the ballot, and put it in the stamped return envelope. Sign the back of the envelope. You can mail the ballot back, or use a secured drop box at the Department of Elections locations. In NCC, drop boxes will be in the lobby of the Carvel building and at their training center – 220 Lisa Dr. New Castle.
- The Department of Elections will load the ballots in their scanners 30 days prior to the election, but will not tabulate until Election Day. Try to mail the ballot back as early as you can.
- A voter can view the status of their ballot by going on <https://ivote.de.gov/voterview>



How do you vote absentee

- You can request an absentee ballot if you are sick or disabled, will be out of town on Election Day, incarcerated, providing constant care for someone, or military service. If you are sheltering in place due to COVID, you can use the sick or disabled reason.
- Request an absentee ballot by mail, fax, email, or the online portal - <https://ivote.de.gov/VoterView>. If you are a permanent absentee voter, you will receive a ballot automatically, and do not have to apply.
- You will receive a ballot in the mail with a stamped return envelope. Fill out the ballot, and put it in the stamped return envelope. Sign the back of the envelope. You can mail the ballot back, or use a secured drop box at the Department of Elections locations. In NCC, drop boxes will be in the lobby of the Carvel building and at their training center – 220 Lisa Dr. New Castle.
- The options for access to electronic delivery and return of your ballot (delivery via email and then the option to return that ballot by either mail/fax/email) is only available by law to those voters who are members of the military or overseas citizens (also known as UOCAVA voters) or those voters who are sick or temporarily or permanently physically disabled.
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How do you vote at the polls

- Most polling places will be open, with perhaps the exception of polls in senior centers. Go to view your polling places at <https://ivote.de.gov/voterview>
- The Department of Elections is in the process recruiting 4,000 poll workers. If interested go to <https://elections.delaware.gov/information/electionofficers.shtml>
- You can vote at the polls, even if you requested a vote-by-mail ballot, but did not mail back. Note that you may hold up the line as they ensure you did not vote by mail.
- All voting equipment will be cleaned and sanitized after each voter. Masks will be required, and social distancing will be practiced.
- When you vote there will be new election machines that print out your ballot. Verify that the printed ballot reflects your choices before finalizing your vote.

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