**October 24 is Registration Day**
Register to vote or update your address by October 24.

**November 3 is Election Day**
Polling places are open from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm. Find a location near you at your elections website.

All voters are asked to show a photo ID. Same-day registration is available at all Election Day voting locations.

Avoid the lines! Voting locations are usually less busy in the mid-morning or early afternoon.

**Important dates**

**Vote by mail**
All registered voters can request an absentee ballot. The deadline to request a ballot is October 24. The Postal Service recommends requesting a ballot as soon as possible, no later than October 19.

**Deadline to return your ballot**
Postmarked by November 2 and received by November 9 for mailed ballots or Delivered by Election Day, November 3 at 9:00 pm to the county auditor.

**Vote early**
October 5 through November 2, elections offices are open where you can request and cast an absentee ballot. Find an early voting location near you at your local elections website.

All voters are asked to show a photo ID. 

**Vote in person on Election Day**
Find a location near you at your elections website. All voters are asked to show a photo ID. Same-day registration is available at all Election Day voting locations.

Return your ballot if you haven’t done so already:
- At your elections office.
- In the mail (addressed to the county auditor).
- By dropping it in the mail.

More information

**Healthy Voting**
Up-to-date information on healthy voting options in Iowa is available at HealthyVoting.org/Iowa

**Iowa elections office**
Visit the official elections website for links to:
- Track your absentee ballot
- Register to vote or update your registration
- Find voting locations near you
- Contact your county elections office

- [sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterinformation](sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterinformation)
- (888) SOS-VOTE

**HealthyVoting**
Your guide to a safe election for you and your community

**Iowa**
General Election November 3, 2020

HealthyVoting.org/Iowa

Partners: We Can Vote, American Public Health Association (APHA), National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), Center for Civic Design (CCD), Center for Tech and Civic Life (CTCL)
Healthy voting basics

If you go out to vote—to drop off a ballot or vote in person—follow these common sense precautions to keep voting healthy for you and your community.

- Wear a mask or other face covering.
- Maintain a physical distance of at least 6 feet to protect yourself, election workers, and other voters.
- Before and after voting, wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.

If you are sick or concerned that you have been exposed to the coronavirus, and don’t have an absentee ballot, contact your local elections office for guidance about your voting options.

Healthy tips for voting by mail

Voting by mail is a healthy option because you vote at home.

- You may be able to put your ballot in a drop box from a car.

Make sure your ballot counts! Remember...

- Be sure to sign the declaration on the return envelope.
- Seal inner and outer envelopes.
- You don’t need a stamp because postage is pre-paid.
- Closely follow all instructions to ensure your ballot is counted.

Healthy tips for voting in person

Voting in person means going to an early voting location or polling place.

- Bring your mask, hand sanitizer, and water.
- Follow instructions for healthy voting at your in-person voting location.
- Practice physical distancing and stay at least 6 feet away from poll workers and other voters.
- Don’t try to clean the the voting system yourself. Ask an election worker. They know how to do it without damaging the machine.
- If you can, go when the voting center will not be as busy, usually mid-morning or early-afternoon.
- Use curbside or drive-through voting if available.

Accessible voting

All in-person voting centers must have at least one accessible voting system.

- If you can, go when the voting center will not be as busy, usually mid-morning or early-afternoon.
- Use curbside or drive-through voting if available.
- You can bring your own headphones to use with the accessible system.

Check with your local elections office for other accessible voting options.