November 3 is Election Day

Polling places are open from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Find a location near you at your elections website.

All voters will be asked to show identification. Voters without ID can sign an affidavit.

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

Important dates

Vote by mail

An excuse is required to vote by mail.

The deadline to request a ballot is October 30.

The Postal Service recommends requesting a ballot as soon as possible, no later than October 19.

Deadline to return your ballot

November 2 by 4:30 pm. All ballots must be delivered to the elections office by this time. Postmarks do not count!

Vote early

October 16 through October 27 (except Sundays), early voting is available from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm.

All voters will be asked to show identification. Voters without ID can sign an affidavit.

Ways to vote in Louisiana

Your guide to a safe election for you and your community

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Healthy Voting

Up-to-date information on healthy voting options in Louisiana is available at HealthyVoting.org/Louisiana

Louisiana 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.la.gov/ElectionsAndVoting

(800) 883-2805

HealthyVoting.org/Louisiana

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.

- If you need to buy stamps, consider using the Post Office’s online store, usps.com.
- You may be able to put your ballot in a drop box from a car.

Make sure your ballot counts! Remember...

- Have another person sign your ballot envelope as a witness.
- Be sure to sign the declaration on the return envelope.
- Seal inner and outer envelopes.
- Put enough postage on the envelope.
- Closely follow all instructions to ensure your ballot is counted.
- Return your ballot promptly. Postmarks don’t count!

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.