October 5 is Registration Day
Register to vote or update your address by October 5.

November 3 is Election Day
Polling places open between 7:00 am and 12:00 noon and close at 8:00 pm.
In counties mailing ballots to all voters, limited polling locations or elections offices will be open.
Find a location near you at your elections website.

All voters are asked to show identification.
You can drop off your ballot at all Election Day voting locations.
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.

Return your ballot if you haven’t done so already:
 At your elections office.
 At a secure ballot drop-off location.
 At a polling place on Election Day.

Important dates

Vote by mail
In some counties, all registered voters will be mailed a ballot. Voters can request an absentee ballot. The deadline to return your ballot is November 3 by 8:00 pm. Postmarks don’t count!

Vote early
October 5 through November 2, elections offices and other designated locations are open for in-person absentee voting. Early voting hours can vary. Check with your local elections office.
Same-day registration is available at all early voting locations.

Vote in person on Election Day
Find a location near you at your elections website.

Ways to vote in Montana

More information

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

Montana 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

sosmt.gov/elections
1-888-884-VOTE

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.
- 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.

Montana has an accessible vote-by-mail program that allows voters with disabilities to receive and mark a mail-in ballot electronically.

Be sure to check with your local elections office for information about how to use the accessible voting by mail program and information about additional options for dropping off your ballot.