Important dates

July 27 is Registration Day

Register to vote or update your address by July 27.

August 4 is Election Day

Voting centers are open until 8:00 pm. Opening times can vary by location.

Same-day registration is available at all Election Day voting locations.

All voters are asked to show a photo ID.

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

Return your absentee ballot if you haven't done so already using one of these options:

Return in person:

At a secure ballot drop-off location.

Register your absentee ballot if you haven't done so already.

Vote by mail with an absentee ballot

All registered voters will be mailed a ballot.

Deadline to return your ballot

Postmarked by Election Day, August 4

OR

Delivered by Election Day, August 4 at 8:00 pm to a drop-off location

Vote early

July 17 through August 4, voting centers are open.

Same-day registration is available at all early voting locations.

All voters are asked to show a photo ID.

Vote in person on Election Day

At least one voting location is open in each area on Election Day.

Same-day registration is available at all Election Day voting locations.

All voters are asked to show a photo ID.

Ways to vote in Washington

Your guide to a safe election for you and your community

Healthy Voting

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

Washington Board of Elections

Visit the state 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

HealthyVoting.org/Washington

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—whether to drop off a ballot or vote in person—follow these commonsense precautions.

- Wear a mask or other face-covering.
- Maintain a physical distance of 6 feet to protect yourself, election workers, and other voters.
- If you go to a post office, wear a mask or other face covering to protect yourself, the postal clerk, and others.
- 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 election 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 go out at all, it’s only to mail or drop off your ballot.

- If you need to buy stamps, consider using the Post Office's online store, usps.com.
- If you go to a post office or store to buy stamps, wear a mask or other face covering to protect yourself, the postal clerk, and other people.
- If you go outside to mail your ballot, wash your hands with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds when you get home.
- You may be able to put your ballot in a drop box from a car.
- To seal the envelope after you have voted, use a damp sponge.

Healthy tips for voting in person

Voting in person usually means going to a voting center where there will be other people, but is where you can get assistance.

- Follow instructions for healthy voting at your in person voting location.
- Practice physical distancing and stay 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 headphone to use with the accessible system.