Vote by Mail

Anyone registered to vote in Maryland can vote a mail-in ballot. Just submit a request for a ballot, and we'll send it to you. After you vote your ballot, you must return it to your local election office by mail, by dropping it in a drop-off box, or by taking it to your local election office. You can mail your voted ballot or take it to your local election office at any time. A list of designated drop off locations will be included with your ballot. If you request a mail-in ballot and decide to vote in person, you will have to vote a provisional ballot.

How do I ask for a mail-in ballot?
- Ask for your mail-in ballot **online** at https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineVoterRegistration/InstructionsStep1 ; or
- **Text** VBM (English) or VPC (Spanish) to 777-88. We will text you a link to request your mail-in ballot online; or
- Fill out this **paper** form and get it to your local election office before the deadline.

If you have a Maryland driver's license or MVA-issued ID card, we ask you to use the online system to request a ballot. We can process your request more quickly, and we do not have to worry about reading your handwriting.

How will I receive my ballot?
The best way to receive your ballot is to ask us to mail it to you. We can send it to any address you want. Voting a ballot that you get in the mail helps us speed up the vote count and keep election workers safe during the pandemic. We will also send you an envelope with prepaid postage. No postage necessary!

You can also pick it up in person or have someone pick it up. You should ask your local election office how to pick it up in person.
- If you want someone to pick up your ballot for you, you need to provide a *Designation of Agent* form. Get this form at your local election office or online at elections.maryland.gov/voting/absentee.html.
- The person who picks up your ballot must be at least 18 years old and cannot be a candidate on your ballot. You can also have a similar person return your voted ballot to your local election office. This person must sign a form to show that he or she handled the ballot properly.

If you cannot receive a ballot in the mail or pick it up in person, we can also deliver your ballot over the internet. This process slows down the vote counting after the election and puts election workers at risk during the pandemic, so we ask that you not use internet delivery unless it is necessary.

If you need to access your ballot on the internet, you must:
- Provide us with your email address.
- Print your ballot and return it to your local election office either by mail, by dropping it in a drop-off box, or by taking it to your local election office. You cannot return your voted ballot online.
- Mailed ballots are counted quicker than your printed ballot.

How soon should I request my ballot?
Submit your request now! If you wait, there is a risk that your local elections office may be overwhelmed by last minute requests and may not be able to process your request in time. If that should happen, you may have to vote in person.

The deadline for requesting a mail-in ballot is Tuesday, October 20, 2020.
- If you want your local election office to mail or fax you a ballot:
  - Make sure this form is at your local election office by 8 pm on Tuesday, **October 20, 2020**.
  - Or send this form to your local election office by email or fax by 11:59 pm on Tuesday, **October 20, 2020**.
- If you need to receive your ballot over the internet:
  - Make sure this form is in your local election office by 5 pm on Tuesday, **October 20, 2020**.
  - Or send this form to your local election office by email or fax by 11:59 pm on Tuesday, **October 20, 2020**.
- You can find email addresses and fax numbers to your local election office at elections.maryland.gov/about/county_boards.html.

You can ask for this form in large type.
Este formulario está disponible en español.

Maryland Application for a Mail-In Ballot

Register to Vote

1 You must be registered to vote a mail-in ballot. If you are not registered to vote in Maryland and want to register, go to elections.maryland.gov/voter_registration/index.html for more information, or contact your local election office (go to elections.maryland.gov/about/county_boards.html).

Print your name. Use black or blue ink.

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First name _____ Middle name or initial _____

Last name _____ Jr   Sr   II   III   IV

About you

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Email Address _____

Birthdate |M , M |/|D , D |/|Y , Y , Y , Y| Phone |___|___| - |___| - |___|

Your current address

Print your current residential address.

DO NOT write a temporary address used for school, work, or travel. If you want to get your ballot by U.S. Mail, you can put that address in Section 5.

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Address _____ Apt. number _____

City/Town _____ State _____ Zip Code |___|___|___|

When did you move here? |M , M|/|D , D|/|Y , Y , Y , Y| If you do not remember the exact date, give the month and year.

How do you want to receive your ballot?

If you choose internet delivery, we will send you an email with a link to your ballot about three weeks before the election. You must print your ballot and return it to your local election office. If you do not see an email from the State Board of Elections, check your spam folder.

Note: A fax or internet ballot you have printed yourself cannot be read by our scanners. Election workers will use the information on your ballot to mark an official ballot for you. The official ballot will be machine counted with other ballots.

If you do not have a Maryland Driver's License or ID card, provide the last 4 digits of your social security number.

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Choose one:

☐ U.S. MAIL (PREFERRED)

I want my ballot for the **PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION** mailed to:

☐ Same as above   ☐ The address below

Address _____ Apt. number _____

City/Town _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

☐ INTERNET DELIVERY - We will email you an internet link to open your ballot and print it yourself.

Email address _____

Maryland Driver's License or ID Card Number |___|-|___|-|___|-|___|-|___|

Issue Date |M , M|/|D , D|/|Y , Y , Y , Y|

Last 4 digits of Social Security number XXX-XX- - |___|

☐ FAX

fax number |___|___| - |___| - |___|

Signature

(required)

Anyone can help you fill out this form except

- A candidate on your ballot
- Your employer or an agent of your employer
- An officer or agent from your union

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Voter's Signature (required)

X

Today's Date |M , M|/|D , D|/|Y , Y , Y , Y|

Assistance Signature (required if you had help)

Under penalty of perjury, I hereby certify that this voter needed help with this form because he or she has a disability or is unable to read or write. The voter authorized me to complete this form. If the voter could not sign this form, I printed the voter's name and wrote my initials.

sign:

print: