

VOTING IN 2020: HOW TO

The definitive guide for making a plan, being prepared, and voting in 2020.



REGISTER TO VOTE

Visit <https://bit.ly/RegisterNCLD> to ensure you are registered to vote.

If you aren't sure, or if you moved within the last 6 months, check it here: <http://bit.ly/CheckMyReg>



KNOW THE LANGUAGE

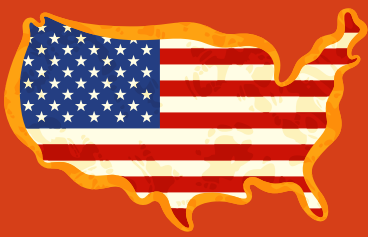
Absentee ballot: a ballot allowing you to vote when you are not physically present to vote.

Absentee voting: the act of voting remotely, which usually means you mail in an absentee ballot.

Vote by mail: some states conduct all of their voting by mail. During COVID-19 many states will send every eligible voter a mail in ballot. This is different than absentee voting.

Early voting: many states open up physical polling locations days or weeks before election day to allow people to vote early.

UNDERSTAND WHAT YOUR STATE IS DOING



States run elections (this is done by the Secretary of State) and set the rules for how and when you vote!

- Some states are automatically sending ballots to anyone who is registered.
- Some states require you to request a ballot online or by mailing in a form.
- Some states require you to provide a reason for why you want to vote by mail.



KNOW YOUR BALLOT

Ballots look different from state to state. There are some resources to help you anticipate what and who will be on your ballot:

- [Vote411](#)
- [Brink Election Guide \(App\)](#)
- [Ballot Ready](#)



RETURN YOUR BALLOT EARLY

Every election is important, but more people vote in presidential election years. Plus, in 2020 there are new challenges given COVID-19 and current operational challenges with the United States Postal Service. That means **it's very important to mail your ballot in as early as you can!**