



# ELECTION 2020

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Asian & Pacific Islander American Vote Michigan

## Are You Ready to Vote: MICHIGAN?

Updated Friday, October 9, 2020

### Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020

#### When voting, you have the right to:

- Bring someone of your choice to help you vote in the voting booth if you have some difficulty with English.
- Receive language assistance from the government in certain places.
- Vote without being intimidated or discriminated against by others.
  - Intimidation or discrimination at the polls may look like harassing you or denying you the right to vote because of your accent or challenging your right to vote under the false stereotype that you are not a citizen because of your race.

### Who can vote in Michigan

- A United States citizen
- At least 18 years of age (when you vote)
- A Michigan resident (at the time you register) and a resident of your city or township for at least 30 days (when you vote)
- Not currently serving a sentence in jail or prison

**You must be registered to vote in in order to cast a ballot.**

### Key Dates

- Thursday, September 24 – In person early voting by absentee ballot begins.
- Monday, October 19 – Deadline to register to vote by mail, online, etc.
- Friday, October 30 – Absentee/Vote By Mail Ballot request must be received by 5 pm.
- Tuesday, November 3 – Election Day! Vote in person at your polling place or make sure your absentee ballot is postmarked by this day.

### Voter Registration: Are you registered to vote?

- Voter registration deadline: Voter registration application must be RECEIVED by Monday, October 19 if registering by mail or online.
- Election Day Registration: Available until 8 pm in person at your city or township clerk's office. Find your clerk's office here: <https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/Voter/Index>
- Have you registered to vote before?
  - Yes
    - Confirm you are still registered where you live now: <https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/Voter/Index>
    - If you are no longer registered, re-register today: [https://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,1607,7-127-1633\\_8716\\_8726\\_47669-175878--,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,1607,7-127-1633_8716_8726_47669-175878--,00.html)
    - If you are not registered at the correct address, update your registration: [https://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,1607,7-127-1633\\_8716\\_8726\\_47669-175878--,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,1607,7-127-1633_8716_8726_47669-175878--,00.html)
  - No
    - Register today!
      - Register at [https://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,1607,7-127-1633\\_8716\\_8726\\_47669-175878--,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,1607,7-127-1633_8716_8726_47669-175878--,00.html) or at:
        - At a Secretary of State branch office;

- At your city or township clerk’s office or your county clerk’s office;
- At any state agency that provides public assistance or services to people with disabilities;
- Through a voter registration drive; or,
- By mailing in a completed voter registration application postmarked by Monday, October 19.
- After Monday, October 19, all applications must be submitted to your local city or township clerk’s office in person.
- By mail:
  - Michigan mail voter registration applications available in English, Bangla, and Spanish here: [https://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1633\\_8716---,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1633_8716---,00.html)
  - Using the National Mail Voter Registration Form: <https://www.eac.gov/voters/national-mail-voter-registration-form>
    - The National Mail Voter Registration Form can be used to register U.S. citizens to vote, to update registration information due to a change of name, make a change of address, or to register with a political party.
    - You must follow the state-specific instructions listed for your state. They begin on page 3 of the form and are listed alphabetically by state. After filling out this form, you must sign your name where indicated and send it to your state or local election office for processing. Be sure you mail it in an envelope with the proper amount of postage.
    - Download the Form in 15 Languages:
      - [National Mail Voter Registration Form – English](#)
      - [طلب تسجيل الناخب – Arabic](#)
      - [জাতীয় ডাক ভোটার নিবন্ধন ফর্ম – Bangla](#)
      - [国家邮件选民登记表 – Chinese](#)
      - [Inscription sur les listes électorales – French](#)
      - [Aplikasyon Enskripsyon Elektè – Haitian Creole](#)
      - [राष्ट्रीय डक मतदाता पंजीकरण फॉर्म – Hindi](#)
      - [国立メール有権者登録フォーム – Japanese](#)
      - [ឧប្បត្តិប័ណ្ណបទនៃការចុះឈ្មោះអ្នកបោះឆ្នោតជាតិ – Khmer](#)
      - [전국 우편 유권자 등록 양식 – Korean](#)
      - [Solicitação para cadastro de eleitor – Portuguese](#)
      - [Заявка на регистрацию избирателя – Russian](#)
      - [Formulario nacional de inscripción de votantes – Spanish](#)
      - [National Mail Form ng Pagpaparehistro ng Botante – Tagalog](#)
      - [Mẫu đăng ký quốc gia Thư cử tri – Vietnamese](#)
- Documentary Requirements to Register to Vote:
  - Online:
    - Michigan driver's license or state ID
  - By Mail or In Person at City or Township Clerk’s Office:
    - Michigan driver’s license or State ID card
    - Current utility bill
    - Bank statement
    - Paycheck or government check
    - Other government document

## Absentee/Vote by Mail (VBM)

- Did you request a mail in ballot?
  - Yes
    - You can check on the status of your absent voter ballot request by contacting your city or township clerk's office or going to <https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/Voter/Index>

- No
  - If you would like to request a mail-in ballot, there may still be time to do so.
    - Requests for an absent voter ballot must be received by your township or city clerk no later than 5 pm on Friday, October 30. If you're already registered at your current address, you can request an absent voter ballot in person at your clerk's office anytime up to 4 pm on the day prior to the election.
    - If you're registering to vote or updating your address by appearing at your clerk's office on Election Day, you can request an absent voter ballot at the same time you register. If you request your AV ballot the day before the election or on Election Day, you must vote the ballot in the clerk's office.
    - Apply online: <https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/AVApplication/Index>
      - [Spanish](#)
      - [Bangla](#)
      - People with disabilities: <https://sites.omniballot.us/26/absentee/app/home>
    - The application must include your original, non-digital signature if submitted by mail or in person. If submitting the application via email or fax, a scanned version of the signature is sufficient.
- What do I need to complete my Absentee/VBM Ballot
  - Follow VBM instructions carefully and ensure all required materials and envelopes are included before you mail or return your VBM.
  - Your ballot will not be counted unless your signature is on the return envelope and matches your signature on file.
  - If you received assistance voting the ballot, then the signature of the person who helped you must also be on the return envelope.
- How can I return my Absentee/VBM Ballot
  - Drop-off. You can drop off to the clerk, the clerk's office, or the clerk's authorized assistant by 8 pm on Election Day.
    - Only you, a family member or person residing in your household, a mail carrier, or election official is authorized to deliver your signed absent voter ballot to your clerk's office.
  - Mail. If you plan to use USPS to return back your ballot,
    - Make sure the envelope has proper postage and is addressed to your local clerk.
    - Deadline: Your completed absentee/VBM ballot must be received by your city or township clerk by 8 pm. on Election Day.
      - TIP: Do it early! At the latest, send it back at least one week before Election Day.
    - You can find your local clerk's address, e-mail address, and phone number by going to <https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/Voter/Index>.
    - Begin the process early by mailing in your application for an absentee ballot as soon as possible. Your application for the November General Election can be submitted now.
  - Devise a plan of action if you do not receive the ballot or do not receive it in time to (What to do if do not receive in time and/or cannot get it back in time).

## In Person Voting

- If you'd like to vote early:
  - In Person [Early Voting](#): Thursday, September 24 – Monday, November 2 with your Absentee/VBM Ballot.
  - Vote from your clerk's office: Enter your address at <https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/Voter/Index> to find your local election clerk's office and hours. Go to your clerk's office, ask for your absentee ballot, vote, and submit it in one trip.
- If you plan to vote on Election Day:
  - Find your polling location: <https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/Voter/Index>
  - How are you getting to the polling place? Make a plan!
  - You will be asked to show ID when you check in to vote. If you don't have one, you can still vote.
    - If this happens, expect a poll worker to ask you to sign a form before you vote that explains you didn't have an ID. Your ballot will be included with all others and counted on Election Day.

- ID types you can use to check in are:
  - Michigan driver's license or state ID
  - Driver's license or personal identification card issued by another state
  - Federal or state government-issued photo identification
  - U.S. passport
  - Military ID with photo
  - Student identification with photo from a high school or accredited institution of higher learning
  - Tribal identification card with photo

## Language Assistance

You have the right to language assistance during voting.

- Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act requires certain jurisdictions to provide in-language voting materials in areas with a significant number of limited English proficient voters. In Michigan, Hamtramck City must provide materials in Bangla and Colfax Township and Fenville City must provide materials in Spanish.
- **Under Section 208 of the Voting Rights Act you can bring your own interpreter/or translator to the polls, as long as they are not your employer or an agent of your union.**
  - **TIP: If you need language assistance, ask for help and find a person willing to help!**

**Please check your state and law laws for any additional language assistance requirements.**

**For more information, visit:**

<https://www.apiavotemi.org/>  
[www.advancingjustice-aajc.org/election2020](http://www.advancingjustice-aajc.org/election2020)

**If you have any questions about voting, no matter how big or small,  
 call us at [1-888-API-VOTE \(1-888-274-8683\)](tel:1-888-API-VOTE) for help in**

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