The Voter's GUIDE



WELCOME! This guide is to help you navigate the ever-changing voting landscape and prepare you for the upcoming election this November. Voting is the bedrock of our democracy, and it's our civic duty to help shape our country. No matter which side of the aisle you find yourself on, we want to be sure your vote counts.



Let's start with the BASICS

Voting checklist

Are you	
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Registered to vote at your current address?
Educated about who is on the ballot?
Prepared with a plan for where, when, and how you will vote?

Don't worry if you're missing something—that's why you're here.

Get voter ready

In order to vote in most states, you have to be registered. Super easy: You can check your eligibility and register to vote at **vote411.org**

P.S. If you've moved recently, make sure to re-register with your new address.



THE BASICS

Go to vote411.org to learn about the policies and positions of who is on your ballot. This year we're electing:

- 435 House Representatives
- 35 of the 100 Senate seats
- The President
- 13 Governors

Plus, you may be voting on amendments, referendums, State Senate, State Supreme Court, local Civil Courts, and more!

Where and when to vote

The two main ways to vote are in-person and by mail. Currently, all states allow at least a portion of their voting population to vote by mail. Plus, most states will let you vote early—either in-person or by mail!



FUN FACT!

Absentee voting by mail started almost 160 years ago! In the 2018 midterms, one in four votes were cast by mail.

Election Day is November 3, 2020. Mark your calendars, fridges, bathroom mirrors, whatever!

If you can, vote early! Take a look at your schedule, as well as your state's policies and deadlines, and make a plan. Oh! And, come up with a plan B—you know—just in case.

Next stop: EDUCATION station



Voting by mail

- You can either mail in or drop off absentee ballots at designated locations.
- Turn in that ballot A.S.A.P.
- If something goes wrong, you should still be eligible to vote in person.
- Familiarize yourself with your options (and rights) ahead of time!



Voting in-person

- Things may take longer with the new health protocols, so show up early and give yourself plenty of time.
- Bring a snack and a book (because, of course).
- Wear a mask, be safe, and always follow your local guidelines.
- Bring a photo ID (some states require it).
- Pro tip: Bring your own pen—black ink only!



I'm registered to vote



I researched my local races and ballot initiatives



I saved the Election Protection Hotline number (1-800-OUR-VOTE)



I have identification if I need it



I encouraged my friends to register to vote



I requested my mail-in ballot OR I found my polling place



I mailed in my ballot OR I made a plan to vote in person

SOURCES

Information sourced from

ACLU

Ballotpedia

Center for Disease Control

MIT Elections Data and Science Lab

Pew Charitable Trusts

US Census Bureau

Vote.org

