



Key Things to Know About The 2020 Presidential General Election

An election for President of the United States will take place this fall.
U.S. Citizens who are 18 years old on or before November 3, 2020 may vote.

Maryland Election Dates

Deadline to register to vote: **October 13, 2020**

Deadline to request a mail-in ballot: **October 20, 2020**

You **must request** a mail-in ballot at <https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/absentee.html>

*Please note that mail-in ballot requests must be received (not just mailed) by Tuesday,
October 20, 2020.*

Early Voting: **October 26 - November 2, 2020**

Election Day: **November 3, 2020**

For DC, Virginia, and other regions, see <https://www.vote411.org>

Two Ways to Vote - by mail and in person

By mail – **** Highly Recommended ****

It's Free, Safe, and Easy

Avoid Lines, Protect Yourself, and Others

When should I get started? **Now**

How do I get started? <https://www.vote411.org>

How can I become an elections judge? Text SERVE to 77788



How can I participate in voter education if I am not eligible to vote in the US?

Boost Registration

- Help others register to vote --**Start Now**
- Provide information about how to register and check the status of registration applications
- Talk to or text people about registration and voting
- Use social media to encourage registration
- Share your story via text, phone, or your social media pages
i.e. <https://www.thelovevote.org>
- Help organize a registration drive for your community (in your neighborhood, workplace, church, business group, or school)



Encourage Voting



GET UP & GET OUT

- Provide information about the voting process
- Become an election worker. Get paid and use your language skills
<Text SERVE to 77788>
- Be an MC Votes Student Ambassador
bit.ly/MC_Votes_Student_Ambassador_Interest_Form
- Remind those who can vote to vote in the upcoming presidential election
- Ask others to make a pledge to you to vote
<https://www.allintovote.org/take-the-pledge>
- Help others develop a plan to vote
- Encourage absentee/mail-in ballots for the November 3, 2020 election -
Start Now
- Encourage researching and voting for all options on the ballot not just the president
- Transport others to drop off ballots or vote in person (friends, neighbors, or community members)
- Help others understand "WHY" voting is important

Support

- Volunteer to support specific candidates or platforms that you agree with
- Join a campaign (phone banks, writing post cards, handing out information)
- Work to support specific issues
- Stay informed **Text @mcvotes to 810-10**
- Check out MC Votes for local opportunities to volunteer

<https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/life-at-mc/mc-votes/index.html>



Frequently Asked Questions about Voting in MD

REGISTRATION



Q: How do I know if I am eligible to vote?

Web:

https://elections.maryland.gov/voter_registration/index.html?eligibility

Q: I am a first-time voter, what do I need to know?

New voter-registration forms are available in English, Spanish, Chinese, and Korean.

https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/election_day_questions.html

Q: How do I register to vote?

Web: https://elections.maryland.gov/voter_registration/application.html

Cell: Text VOTE to 77788; Espanol: Text VOTA to 77788

Q: How do I know if I am registered?

Web: <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch>

Cell: Text CHECK to 77788; Espanol: Text REVISE to 77788

Q: How do I update or change my voter registration?

<https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineVoterRegistration/VoterType>

YOU CAN USE THIS FORM TO Register to vote in federal, state, county, and municipal elections in Maryland AND change your name, address, or party affiliation.

https://www.elections.maryland.gov/voter_registration/documents/English_Internet_VRA.pdf

Q: How old do I have to be to vote?

18 years old- You may register to vote if you are at least 16 years old, but cannot vote unless you will be at least 18 by the next general election.

Q: I am disabled, can I still vote?

Yes. If voting in person, just notify an election judge. If voting by mail, check this website for more information <https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/accessibility.html>

Q: Where can I find Voter Registration paper forms to print?

At MC: Request a registration form by e-mailing MC Student Life at MCVotes@montgomerycollege.edu

Web: https://www.elections.maryland.gov/voter_registration/documents/English_Internet_VRA.pdf

By Phone or In Person: Paper voter registration forms are available at the Board of Elections office located at 18753 N. Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg MD 20877 or by calling the Board of Elections' office at 240-777-8500.

Q: When are the voter registration deadlines?

In Maryland:

Deadline to register to vote online/by mail: **October 13, 2020**; In Person: **November 3, 2020**; Election Day. Deadline to request a mail-in ballot: **October 20, 2020**. *Please note that mail-in ballots must be received (not just mailed) by Tuesday, October 20, 2020.*

Other states: <https://www.vote411.org>

Q: I became a new citizen after the close of voter registration, can I still vote?

No, all registrations must be completed by 9:00 pm on the last day of voter registration.

Q: How do I sign up to be an election judge?

Text SERVE to 77788 or Complete application at

https://elections.maryland.gov/get_involved/election_judges.html

The local board of elections will provide training dates and times

AMERICA
FOUGHT FOR THE
RIGHT
TO VOTE.
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
DON'T THROW IT
AWAY.

Preparing to Vote

Q: Are ballots available in different languages?

Yes. English and Spanish

Q: How do I request a vote by mail ballot?

<https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/absentee.html>

Q: I have not received my ballot, what do I do?

<https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch>

Cell: Text CHECK to 77788; Espanol: Text REVISE to 77788

Q: What do I do if my ballot is damaged or I made a mistake?

<https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/absentee.html>

Q: How do I know what is on the ballot?

<https://www.vote411.org>

Q: How do I know what my district I am in?

<https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch>

Q: Where is my polling place? How do I know where to vote (in person)?

<https://www.vote411.org>

Q: Where can I find reliable information about candidates?

<https://bit.ly/2G042Hy>

Q: Where can I find a drop box?

Drop off your completed and signed ballot at drop boxes that will be installed across MD counties. Look for the addresses in your mail-in ballot package, or call the Board of Elections at 240-777-8550 for the locations. https://www.elections.maryland.gov/elections/2020/PG20_Drop_Box_Locations.pdf



Q: Do I need to bring my ID to the polling place?

Varies by state - <https://www.vote411.org>

The Maryland State Board of Elections will not require you to show identification at your assigned polling place if you are a registered voter, but you must provide some information so election officials can verify your identity.

Q: When is early voting?

You can vote in person during early voting. Early voting will be held from **Monday, October 26, 2020 through Monday, November 2, 2020**. Early voting centers will be open from 7 am to 8 pm. You can vote at an early voting center in the county where you live. https://www.elections.maryland.gov/voting/early_voting.html

Q: What should I expect when I get to the polling place?

You will receive a mailing in October that will tell you where and when you can vote in person.

To make in-person voting safe during the pandemic, the Board of Elections will keep voters six feet apart and limit the number of people inside vote centers at one time. Poll workers will be equipped with PPE gear, and you must wear a mask when you go to vote. **This may result in lines and wait times. The best time to vote in person is on weekends during early voting and between 10 am and 3 pm on election day.**

On election day, voters can cast their vote at any vote center in their county of residence, and residents in the City of Baltimore may cast their vote at any vote center in the city. Plan ahead to determine which voting center works best for you! The list of election day vote centers will be updated when the locations are finalized.

Q: How do I know if my vote was counted?

You can check that your ballot was counted by clicking here and answering four easy questions: <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch>

Q: Does Montgomery College have any other information or resources for voting?



<https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/life-at-mc/mc-votes/index.html>

Fall 2020 Elections Basics Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Xqi7PoJA2Y&feature=youtu.be>

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