

Prince George's County Board of Elections 2020 Presidential General Election Frequently Asked Questions

1. There is a lot of election-related information regarding the 2020 Presidential General Election in Prince George's County. How do I know what information is true?

So far during this election cycle, a lot of misinformation has been disseminated. If you have any questions or are unsure of the validity of the information that you've received, please contact the Prince George's County Board of Elections on 301-341-7300 or email us on election@co.pg.md.us

2. What are the dates for the 2020 Presidential General Election and Early Voting?

- Election day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020 (7am-8pm).
- Early Voting begins on Monday, October 26 and ends on Monday, November 2, 2020 (7am-8pm each day).

3. What is the safest way to vote?

To reduce the risk of spreading the COVID-19, we encourage voters to vote by mail. An application will automatically be mailed to your home during the week of August 24, 2020. However, there are three ways you can request a mail-in ballot **NOW**:

- [Online if you have a Maryland's driver's license or MVA-issued ID card.](#)
- Complete and return one of the forms below. Read the instructions, enter the required information, print the form, sign it, and return it to your local board of elections. You can return it by mail, fax, or email (scanned as an attachment).
 - [Mail-in ballot application for 2020 elections \(PDF\)*](#)
 - [Solicitud de Papeleta de Votante Ausente para las Elecciones del 2020 \(PDF\)](#)
- Get one from the Prince George's County Board of Elections Office, 1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A, Largo, MD, 20774 complete, and turn in the form.

4. Will I be mailed an actual ballot like in the 2020 Primary Election?

No. You will not automatically be mailed a ballot. You will only receive a ballot if you request one. You can do that one of three ways as indicated in Question 3 of this document.

5. When will I receive my ballot once my application is processed?

Ballots will be mailed in mid-September. They are NOT available now.

6. What is the deadline to submit the application to receive a mail-in ballot?

All ballot applications must be returned to the Prince George's County Board of Elections Office no later than Monday, October 20, 2020. The application must be physically in the office by 4:30 pm on that date. To ensure that you receive a ballot in a timely manner, it is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** that you submit your ballot application much earlier than the deadline.

7. What kind of ID is required to cast a ballot by mail?

If you are a registered voter and voted before, no ID is required to receive or submit a ballot by mail. A very small number of newly registered voters may need to provide ID with their voted ballots. If you have to provide ID, there will be instructions with your ballot.

8. I am hearing a lot of negative information about the United States Post Office and no longer trust it. Can I drop my ballot in a Board of Elections Drop Box?

Yes. The Prince George's County Board of Elections will have drop boxes in various locations throughout the County. Any ballots dropped in those boxes will be picked up by Board of Elections'

staff and delivered directly to the Prince George's County Board of Elections Office. The locations and dates that the drop boxes will be installed will be posted at the end of August 2020.

9. Can I vote in person?

Yes. Although we encourage you to vote by mail, you can vote in person at one of Prince George's County's eleven early voting sites. You can also vote at one of the limited vote centers on Election Day (Due to COVID-19). **The list of early voting and Election Day sites will be published at the end of August 2020.** If you choose to vote in person, please be prepared because there may be long lines.

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10. How do I know if I am registered to vote?

If you aren't sure if you are registered, or at what address, check your voter registration status by visiting our voter lookup site: <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch> . If you do not have internet access, call 301-341-7300 and ask a representative to check your registration or text CHECK to 77788.

11. Can voters register to vote online?

Voters can register online if they have a Maryland driver's license or Motor Vehicle Administration state ID by clicking on the following link: https://elections.maryland.gov/voter_registration/index.html
The deadline to register to vote is 5pm on Tuesday, October 13, 2020.

12. Is ID required to register to vote?

No, but you must provide some information so election officials can verify your identity.

If you use the State Board's online system to register, you must enter your Maryland driver's license number or Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) issued state ID number, the date MVA issued your license or ID card, and the last 4 digits of your Social Security number. If you reside outside of the United States or are a member of the military or spouse or dependent of a member of the military, you must enter the last 4 digits of your US social security number. If you provide a license or State ID number, your signature on file with the MVA will become your official voter registration signature. If you provide a social security number, it will be used as your official voter registration signature.