



# How to vote early or absentee

There are many reasons why you may want to vote early or by absentee ballot this year. You may not be able to make it to the polls to vote because you are a patient in a hospital, reside in a nursing home or adult care home, or are homebound due to health issues. You may have to work on Election Day or may be concerned about being in public during COVID-19. **Whatever the reason, all North Carolina voters are eligible to vote early or by absentee ballot.**

**Early voting** will be available from Thursday, Oct. 15, 2020, through Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020.

If you are not able to participate in early voting, you or a close relative or guardian may pick up an **absentee ballot** on your behalf from your county board of elections. Your ballot must be picked up from the county in which you are registered to vote. To locate county offices, you may visit <https://vt.ncsbe.gov/BOEInfo/>.

Persons who need help completing their ballots may request assistance only from a close relative or guardian, or by contacting their county board of elections. It is illegal for hospital, clinic, nursing home or adult home care staff and volunteers to assist you with voting.

Once you complete your ballot, you or your relative or guardian should deliver it to the county board of elections.

All ballots returned by personal delivery must be returned to the county board of elections by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020. All ballots returned by mail must be postmarked by Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020, and must arrive to the board of elections by 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6, 2020.

## Important dates

**Friday, Oct. 9, 2020:** voter registration deadline to vote or update voter's name, address or party affiliation

**Friday, Oct. 9, 2020:** absentee ballot request and voter registration request deadline for **unregistered voters**

**Thursday, Oct. 15, 2020, to Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020:** early voting

**Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2020, by 5 p.m.:** absentee ballot request deadline for **registered voters**

**Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020:** General Election Day

**Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020, by 5 p.m.:** Absentee ballot returned by personal delivery to the county board of elections

**Friday, Nov. 6, 2020, by 5 p.m.:** Absentee ballot returned by mail to the county board of elections — ballots must be postmarked by Nov. 3, 2020