



## Voting Resources

- **Register to vote/check your registration status/find out what's on your ballot:** [Vote411](#)
- **Request an absentee ballot** [through the mail](#) or [online](#) (more information below)
- **Know your voting rights:** [New York Civil Liberties Union](#)
  - **Includes information for people who are:** [college students](#), [unhoused](#), [differently abled](#), formerly or currently incarcerated, non-native English speakers, survivors of intimate partner violence
- **Volunteer as a poll monitor:** [Protect the Vote](#), [Poll Hero](#) (high school & college students)
- **Get hired as a poll worker:** [NYC Election Day Worker Form](#)
- **Help to register your friends, family, and extended network to vote:** [When We All Vote](#)
- **Receive election email/text reminders:** [Common Cause](#)
- **Learn about voter suppression:** [Fair Fight](#), [Brennan Center report on voter purges](#)
- **Call on your representatives to restore voting rights:** [HR-1](#)
- **Report voting discrimination/harassment incidents and other barriers to registration and voting:** [Civil Rights Bureau of the New York State Attorney General's Office](#) at (212) 416-8250 or email [civil.rights@ag.ny.gov](mailto:civil.rights@ag.ny.gov).
- **Fill out your census by September 30:** [Census](#)
- **Participate in National Voter Registration Day:** [National Voter Registration Day](#)
- **Spread the word on early voting in New York State:** [Vote Early NY 2020](#)

### New York State Voting Deadlines

<p><b>Friday, October 9</b></p>	<p>You can register in person at your <a href="#">county board of elections</a> or at any New York State <a href="#">Agency-Based voter registration center</a> up until October 9, 2020. Due to NY on PAUSE and office closures, please call the office ahead of time to check whether they are open and current hours of operation.</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, October 27</b></p>	<p>Last day to apply online, by email, fax, or mail for an absentee ballot. (The Post Office has advised they cannot guarantee timely delivery of ballots applied for less than 15 days before an election.)</p>

<b>Monday, November 2</b>	Last day to apply in-person for an absentee ballot.
<b>Tuesday, November 3 *ELECTION DAY*</b>	Last day to postmark ballot OR deliver ballot in-person to local board of elections/any poll site. (Must be received by the local board of elections no later than November 10.)

### Requesting an Absentee Ballot in NYC<sup>1</sup>

- Online - [Click Here](#)
- Email application to [Apply4Absentee@boe.nyc](mailto:Apply4Absentee@boe.nyc)  
\*Applications must be saved in a (.pdf) format to avoid delays \*
- Fax application to 212-487-5349
- Mail application to [local borough office](#)
- Call 1-866-VOTE-NYC (1-866-868-3692)

#### Easy mistakes to avoid:<sup>2</sup>

- The voter forgets to sign the ballot envelope, as required.
- The voter sends the envelope back, but forgets to include the ballot.
- The voter uses the wrong envelope.
- The voter already voted in person.
- **The voter's signature on the ballot envelope doesn't match the one on file.**

### Mail-in Voting

- In New York, if you send a mail-in vote and change your mind, the override is automatic when the voter shows up and votes in person. The Boards then compare lists of people who voted in person and eliminate any absentees where the voters voted in person. Even if you've sent the ballot back, an in-person vote is still allowed and will override/void your mailed ballot.
- You are allowed to pick up someone's completed absentee ballot and mail or drop it off at Polls.
- You cannot pick up their absentee ballot from the Board of Elections without their written permission.
- You can drop off an absentee ballot at a polling place during Early Voting or Election Day.
- NYC has purchased high-speed sorting machines for mail-in ballots since the June primary. When absentee ballots are received, BOE staff will contact voters to resolve any questions; ballots will begin being counted in the week following Election Day.

<sup>1</sup> NYC Board of Elections, "Absentee Voting," accessed August 24, 2020, <https://vote.nyc/page/absentee-voting>.

<sup>2</sup> NPR, "Want Your Absentee Vote to Count? Don't Make These Mistakes," October 22, 2014, <https://www.npr.org/2014/10/22/358108606/want-your-absentee-vote-to-count-dont-make-these-mistakes>.