**WHY VOTE?**

Every United States citizen has a right to vote. Voting allows us to elect those who represent us at federal, state, and local levels. Every vote counts!

**VOTING AND COVID-19**

Voting will look different during the COVID-19 pandemic because of social distancing and other public health measures. A voting plan is crucial, especially in 2020. Be sure to register to vote, decide how to vote, and obtain the necessary support for voting. For example, if you are going to vote by mail, you need to make sure that you send your ballot back to your local voter registration office early—at least 2 weeks before the deadline.

**ACCESSIBILITY**

All polling places are required to offer curbside voting, request upon arrival. A support person is permitted at all times, as are support materials such as a sample ballot or written notes. Take your time. No one has the right to rush you. If you need help filling out your mail-in ballot, request an assistance form when you request your ballot.

**REGISTER TO VOTE**

You must register to be able to vote. Check that your registration is up to date. If you have a Virginia driver’s license or ID, you can register online. If you do not have either of these, you can fill out a paper registration form.

If you have already registered to vote, please be sure to:

- Update your address.
- Apply to vote absentee by mail.
- Find your polling place.
- Check your voting history.

To register to vote or check your registration information, please visit [https://www.elections.virginia.gov/citizen-portal/](https://www.elections.virginia.gov/citizen-portal/)

**2020 VIRGINIA GENERAL ELECTION DEADLINES**

- Deadline to register to vote in the general election: Tuesday, October 13th, 2020.
- Deadline to request a mail-in ballot: Friday, October 23rd, 2020.
- Absentee ballots must be postmarked by Election Day (Tuesday, November 3rd, 2020) and received by your local registrar by 12 noon on Friday, November 6th, 2020.
- Early voting starts Friday, September 18th and ends Saturday, October 31st, 2020.

**CAST YOUR VOTE**

You can vote different ways: vote early, vote by mail, or vote at the polls on Election Day.

Starting Friday, September 18th, 2020 in Virginia, you can go to your local voter registration office to vote early.

If you vote by mail, you will need to request an absentee ballot ahead of time. Fill out the ballot and return it according to the instructions. You may also be able to drop your ballot in a drive-by ballot dropbox. Call your local registrar to ask if that is an option.

If you vote in person, you will need to provide ID or sign an affidavit confirming your identity. If you are voting for the first time in a federal election and you registered to vote by mailing in a paper application, you will be required to show one acceptable form of ID when you vote. A signed affidavit will not be accepted (according to form VA-NVRA-1).