

## Baltimore County Votes, General Election 2020



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### Voting Deadlines

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- Tuesday, October 20, 2020 – Deadline for Board of Elections to receive an application for a mail-in ballot
- Monday, October 26 through Monday, November 2, 7 a.m.- 8 p.m. -Early Voting (including Saturday and Sunday); in-person voting including voter registration, at voting centers
- November 3, 2020, 8:00 p.m. - Ballots must be post-marked or returned to a secure ballot drop-off box
- November 3, 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.- Election Day; in-person voting, including voter registration, at voting centers

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## General Information

### Who can vote?

- Any registered voter can vote.
- To register, you must be a U.S. citizen, a resident of Maryland, and at least 18 years old by Election Day. If you have been convicted of a felony, you are eligible to register to vote once you have completed the court-ordered sentence of imprisonment. You are not eligible to vote if you have been convicted of buying or selling votes.

### How do I register?

- You can register online at <https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/absentee.html>. You can also access this site and register from your cell phone. Send text to 77788 with the message VOTE. You can request a mail-in ballot as soon as you finish the registration application.
- Voter registration forms may be downloaded, printed, and mailed from [https://elections.maryland.gov/voter\\_registration/index.html](https://elections.maryland.gov/voter_registration/index.html). If you plan to request a mail-in ballot, download and print a ballot application request form at the same time and submit them together.
- The last day to register to vote by mail or online is **Tuesday, October 13, 2020**.

### When can I vote

- You can either vote in person during early voting or on election day or by [mail-in ballot](#).
- Early voting starts on **Monday, October 26, 2020** and goes through **Monday, November 2, 2020**. Each early voting center will be open continuously from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day, including Saturday and Sunday. Anyone in line at 8 pm will be allowed to vote.
- On election day, you can vote at any election day vote center in the county in which you live. The list of election day vote centers will be updated as it is finalized. On election day, vote centers are open continuously from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. Anyone in line at 8 p.m. will be allowed to vote.

### How do I cast my ballot?

During early voting or on election day, you will hand mark a paper ballot. Use the pen provided to fill in the oval next to your choices. You can also use mark your ballot electronically. (Tell an election worker that is what you want to do.) Review your ballot choices, place your voted ballot into the privacy sleeve and take it to the scanner. An election worker will direct you to insert your ballot into the scanning unit to cast your vote. Your ballot will be scanned and dropped into a secure ballot box inside the machine. ( Maryland's new voting system produces a voter-verifiable paper record – a “paper trail” – of each voter's selections. This was mandated in legislation passed by the General Assembly in 2007; however, funding for a new system was not available until now.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> [https://elections.maryland.gov/voting\\_system/index.html](https://elections.maryland.gov/voting_system/index.html), accessed August 24, 2020

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- There will be instructions available at the voting centers to familiarize you with the ballot. You may ask an election judge to explain how to vote, but you must cast your vote alone, unless you are unable to do so because you have a disability or are unable to read or write the English language.
- For mail-in voting and provisional voting at polling locations, you will be issued a paper ballot. Use a black ink pen to fill in the oval next to your choices.
  - Provisional ballots are returned to local election office in secure bags on election night. Mail-in and provisional ballots will be scanned at the local election office.
  - Mail-in ballots are returned by mail in the envelope provided or in your envelope using the address provided.
  - Mail-in ballots may also be returned to drop boxes and to voting centers when the centers are open. A list of drop box sites will come with the mail-in ballots.

### Are there accommodations for people with disabilities?

- Yes. All early voting centers in Maryland are accessible to voters with disabilities.
- See [Access by Voters with Disabilities](#) for more information.

### Are election materials available in languages other than English?

- Federal law requires Montgomery County to provide election materials in Spanish. Non-English materials may be provided in other jurisdictions on a voluntary basis.
- Baltimore County does not have material printed in anything other than English. You can find voter registration applications and vote by mail ballot applications in Spanish on the State Board of Elections website: <https://www.elections.maryland.gov/><sup>2</sup>
- The website for the Maryland State Board of Elections can be viewed in over 100 languages: <https://elections.maryland.gov/index.html>. Click “translate” in the upper right-hand corner of the screen.



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<sup>2</sup> Elections Supervisor, “RE: Voting information in languages other than English”, Baltimore County information in Spanish, message to Sharalyn Luciani, 8/24/2020, email.

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## Mail in ballots<sup>3</sup>

### How do I apply for a mail-in ballot?

Three ways to apply for a mail-in ballot.

1. Wait for an application for a mail-in ballot to come in the mail. Active registered voters will receive their applications for ballots in the mail. A prepaid envelope will be included with the application form. The first mailing will be at the end of August.
  - a. NOTE: if you have moved since you last voted, or if you have not voted in four years, you will not receive an application for a mail-in ballot automatically. Before requesting a ballot, you will need to update your address with the State Board of Elections. You can download and print the necessary form or update your registration online at a single site:  
[https://elections.maryland.gov/voter\\_registration/index.ht](https://elections.maryland.gov/voter_registration/index.ht).
  - b. If you have questions, call your Baltimore County Board of Elections, 410-887-5700, or use the Voter Look up website to check that you submitted a request.  
<https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch>.
2. Download, print and mail an application for a mail-in ballot.
  - a. You may download and print an application for a mail-in ballot  
[https://elections.maryland.gov/voter\\_registration/index.ht](https://elections.maryland.gov/voter_registration/index.ht)
  - b. You will need to provide an envelope and a stamp.
3. Request a mail-in ballot online (recommended if possible)
  - a. Register to vote, update your voter registration information (such as address and political party) and request a mail-in ballot at this site: <https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/absentee.html> .
  - b. Please note that this method requires a Maryland driver's license or state ID.
  - c. Requests **must be received by October 20, 2020**.
  - d. Even if you are just requesting a mail-in ballot, you will need to complete the whole registration form. This keeps your request accurate and secure, and it only takes a few minutes.

### How do I check on the status of my mail-in ballot?

- Visit the [voter look-up website](#) to verify that your local Board of Elections received your request for a ballot. Or use [vote411.org](http://vote411.org).
- If you have questions, please [contact your local Board of Elections](#).

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<sup>3</sup> Important Note: A recent change in the law requires the State Board of Elections and each local board of elections to refer to absentee ballots as "mail-in ballots" and absentee voting as "mail-in voting." Please note that this change in terminology does NOT change the process of mail-in voting.

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## How do I cast my mail-in ballot?

- Read the enclosed instructions carefully before starting to vote.
- You need a black pen to vote.
- Review your ballot before voting as your ballot may be multiple pages.
- Carefully fill in the oval to the left of your choice, and do not vote for more candidates than the number specified in the contest heading. If you wish, you may vote for fewer candidates than specified.
- If you download your ballot from the State's website, you can print the blank ballot and mark your ballot by hand.
- **Do not sign your name or make any other mark on your ballot.**
- To cast a write-in vote, fill in the oval to the left of the space for the write-in vote, and write the first and last names of the person in the appropriate space.
- If you make an error while completing your ballot, please contact the Baltimore County Board of Elections.
- After you complete your ballot, place it in its envelope.
- **IMPORTANT: Sign and date the envelope.** This is used to authenticate your ballot. **Lack of signature/date is the most common reason ballots are not accepted.**

## Returning your mail-in ballot

- Ballots must be post-marked or returned to a secure ballot drop-off box by 8:00 pm on **November 3, 2020** but it is better to return them as soon as you can.
- A list of drop-off sites in your county will come with your ballot. Ballot drop boxes will be distributed beginning at the end of September. A full list of locations will be available at a later time.<sup>4</sup>
- Ballots may be dropped off at the Baltimore County Board of Elections, 11112 Gilroy Road, Suite 104, Hunt Valley, MD 21031.

## Early Voting

- Early voting will be available from **Monday, October 26 through Monday, November 2** (including Saturday and Sunday) from 7 am to 8 pm. The least-busy times are usually mid-morning and mid-afternoon.
- You may vote at any early voting center in your county (or Baltimore City, for City residents).
- The list of early voting centers will be posted here:  
[https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/early\\_voting.html](https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/early_voting.html)
- You may ask an election judge to explain how to vote, but you must cast your vote alone, unless you are unable to do so because you have a disability or are unable to read or write the English language.
- Voter registration will be available.
- You may update your address and vote. Bring an ID or a utility bill or other document that shows the new address.

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<sup>4</sup> <https://baltimore.cbslocal.com/2020/08/19/maryland-adding-hundreds-of-ballot-drop-boxes-for-election/8/24/1010>

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- If you changed your name, you must vote under your former name, but you can fill out a form with your new name. Your name will be updated after the election.

### Early Voting Sites<sup>5</sup>

#### Site One

Arbutus Recreation Center  
[865 Sulphur Spring Road](#)  
[Halethorpe, Maryland 21227](#)

#### Site Two

Randallstown Community Center  
[3505 Resource Drive](#)  
[Randallstown, Maryland 21133](#)

#### Site Three

Towson University South Campus Pavilion  
[1 South Auburn Drive](#)  
[Towson, Maryland 21252](#)

#### Site Four

Honeygo Run Community Center  
[9033 Honeygo Boulevard](#)  
[Perry Hall, Maryland 21128](#)

#### Site Five

Sollers Point Multi-Purpose Center  
[323 Sollers Point Road](#)  
[Dundalk, Maryland 21222](#)

#### Site Six

Victory Villa Community Center  
[404 East Compass Road](#)  
[Middle River, Maryland 21220](#)

#### Site Seven

Oregon Ridge Park  
[13401 Beaver Dam Road](#)  
[Cockeysville, Maryland 21030](#)

#### Site Eight

Reisterstown Senior Center  
[12035 Reisterstown Road](#)  
[Reisterstown, Maryland 21030](#)

#### Site Nine

Woodlawn Community Center  
[2120 Gwynn Oak Avenue](#)  
[Gwynn Oak, Maryland 21207](#)

#### Site Ten

Jacksonville Recreation Center at Sweet Air Park  
[3065 B Sweet Air Road](#)  
[Jacksonville, Maryland 21131](#)

#### Site Eleven

County Campus Metro Centre at Owings Mills  
[10302 Grand Central Avenue](#)  
[Owings Mills, Maryland 21117](#)

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<sup>5</sup> <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/elections/evanddir.html> August 24, 2020

# Baltimore County Votes, General Election 2020

## Voting on Election Day

- Election Day is Tuesday, **November 3, 2020, 7:00 am – 8:00 pm.**
- Multiple vote centers will be open in each county and in Baltimore City.
- Voters may use any vote center in their county. The final list of vote centers will be here <https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/index.html> and listed in this addendum.
- These will include the centers used for early voting as well as additional centers, primarily at public high schools.
- However, the number of vote centers will be much smaller than the usual number of polling places.
- Voter registration and changes of address will be available.

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