What Every Virginia Voter Should Know

Registration Deadline
Virginia’s deadline to register to vote is Tuesday, October 13, 2020 by 5pm.

Requesting to Vote-By-Mail?
The deadline to request to Vote By Mail is Friday, October 23, 2020 by 5pm.

Early Voting Dates
You can vote early during regular business hours at your local registrar’s office from September 18 - October 31, 2020. Early voting will also be available on Saturday, October 24, 2020 and Saturday, October 31, 2020. There may be additional early voting (or “satellite”) locations in your county or city as well. Check the website of your county or city’s registrar to confirm the location and hours for early voting sites.

Election Day
Election Day is November 3, 2020 and the polls are open from 6am to 7pm. If you are in line when the polls close, you are entitled to vote.

Vote-By-Mail Ballot Return
You must drop off or mail your voted ballot by 7pm on Election Day, November 3, 2020. If mailed, your ballot must be postmarked on or before Election Day, and the registrar must receive it by noon on Friday, November 6, 2020.

Vote-By-Mail Requirements
You can return your voted ballot in several ways: In person or by mail to your local registrar; at a drop box; or at your polling place on Election Day. Check the website of your county or city’s registrar to confirm the location and hours for drop box locations. You can track your voted ballot at https://www.elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/absentee-voting/. Due the COVID-19 pandemic, you are not required to have a witness present while completing the mail-in ballot for the November 3, 2020 election.

Voting in Person
If you choose to vote in person, poll workers will ask you for ID. You can present any of the following: Voter confirmation documents you received after you registered to vote; Virginia DMV-issued driver’s license or ID card; Valid U.S. passport; Any ID card issued by the federal government or any agency of Virginia state or local government; U.S. military ID; A tribal ID issued by a recognized Virginia tribe; Any student ID card issued by a US university or community college; Valid student ID issued by a public or private school in Virginia; Employer-issued photo ID card; Any current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document with your name and address.

If you do not have one of the IDs above, you can sign and submit an ID Confirmation Statement to vote a regular ballot. Otherwise, you will be required to vote a provisional ballot. Your ID must be genuine and not expired for more than 12 months. However, if you show your driver’s license, the expiration date does not matter.