

NEVADA

FAQ Cheat Sheet

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This nonpartisan FAQ was created for the Election Protection Coalition. If you have any questions that are not answered below or need any clarifying information, please call 866-OUR-VOTE.

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Overview of General Election

Important Dates

Date/Period	Event or Deadline	Notes
October 6	Registration Deadline	Deadline to register <u>in person or by mail</u> . Mail application must be postmarked by October 6.
October 29		Online voter registration deadline
During early vote and on Election Day		Same Day Registration



October 20	Mail Ballot Request Deadline	
November 3, if mailed November 3, if hand delivered or dropped off	Mail Ballot Receipt Deadline	Must be postmarked on or before November 3 and received no later than 5pm on the 7th day after the election (November 10) Must be received by 7pm on November 3
October 17 - October 30	Early Voting Dates	
November 3	Election Day	Polls Open: 7am-7pm

Quick Links

- How to register to vote: <https://www.registertovotenv.gov/>
- Check your voter registration: <https://www.registertovotenv.gov/>
- Mail ballot application: Not applicable
- Find your polling place and ballot drop off locations: <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/election-day-information>
- List of local election offices: <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/voters/county-clerk-contact-information>
- Fact vs Myth: <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/home/showdocument?id=8842>
- Track your ballot: <https://nevadaballottrax.net/voter/>

Combating Misinformation

Ballot Harvesting

Quick Response: We value every eligible citizens' right to make their voice heard, including those who might need extra help to vote by mail. Everyone should make a plan to vote and if they need help or have questions, call 866-OUR-VOTE.

Balance Messaging: Partisan special interests working to attack the integrity of our democracy are using fear to target communities who may need extra help to vote by mail, including senior citizens and Americans living with disabilities. As Americans, we value every eligible citizens' right to make their voice heard, regardless of who they are or where they live. As election rules and processes have changed because of the COVID-19 pandemic, everyone should make a plan to vote now and if they need help or have questions, call 866-OUR-VOTE.



Law Enforcement at the Polls

Quick Response: Every eligible voter has the right to vote safely in person without fear and intimidation. If you or someone you know experiences voter intimidation during this election, call the nonpartisan Election Protection hotline at 866-OUR-VOTE.

Balance Messaging: President Trump is claiming he can send law enforcement to polling places. This is a clear effort to scare voters, particularly voters of color, who want to vote in person. To be clear, there are constitutional limits on President Trump's power to use law enforcement in this way and he has no legal authority over local law enforcement. Federal and state laws prohibit anyone - including politicians and members of law enforcement - from intimidating voters, targeting voters based on race or other characteristics, or intentionally blocking eligible citizens from voting. We will not let President Trump or any other partisan politician intimidate us. Our country is based on free and fair elections and any attempt to undermine the people's right to vote is undemocratic. Every eligible voter has the right to vote safely in person without fear and intimidation. For those who chose not to vote in person, voting by mail is a secure and safe alternative. If you or someone you know experiences voter intimidation during this election, call the nonpartisan Election Protection hotline at 866-OUR-VOTE.

Vote-By-Mail isn't Safe

Quick Response: The truth is, voting by mail is a tried and tested process that is safe and secure. Voters have several secure options to cast their ballot, whether it is by mail, in person, or at a dropbox. See Fact vs Myths 2020 Elections in Nevada <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/home/showdocument?id=8842> from the Nevada Secretary of State.

Balance messaging: Partisan special interests are trying to stop people from voting by mail and breed distrust in our election systems by spreading confusion about when ballots will arrive in the mail. The truth is, voting by mail is a tried and tested process that is safe and secure. Voters also have options to cast their ballot, whether it is by mail, in person, or at a dropbox. Voters should check with their local election official for rules and options in their state. The Postal Service can handle the mail-in balloting volume, but voters should be aware of their options.

Election Night is not Results Night

Quick Response: In a democracy every vote counts. This year's election will have more mail-in ballots because of the coronavirus pandemic, and counting them all accurately, safely, and securely will mean we probably won't have final results on November 3.

Balance messaging: Partisan special interests who are working to stop voters, especially voters of color, from making their voice heard are saying only votes counted on Election Day matter. That's not true - in a democracy every vote counts. This year's election will have more mail-in ballots because of the coronavirus pandemic, and counting them all accurately, safely, and securely will mean we probably won't have final results on November 3. Elections aren't certified on election night and every state has different rules with checks and balances on how to count ballots. Find the rules in your state and how you can receive and submit your mail-in ballot at www.nass.org/can-i-vote

Frequently Asked Questions

Vote By Mail & Absentee Ballots

Is there a difference between Absentee and Mail Ballots?

For the 2020 General Election, Nevada is mailing ballots to every registered voter. An absentee ballot, which requires an excuse for the voter to use it, is still available, but voters will be receiving a mail ballot automatically. Anyone wishing to vote other than in person can use a mail ballot.

Who can vote by mail?

All active registered voters will be sent a ballot in the mail, but voters can choose to vote in person instead of casting a mail ballot if they want to.

How do I get a mail ballot?

You do not need to apply for a mail ballot. A ballot will be mailed to the voter registration mailing address on file with your county election office. It is extremely important that your voter registration mailing address be current. All voters should check their voter registration status well in advance of Election Day. You can check and update your voter registration here <https://www.registertovotenv.gov/>.

What are the deadlines to request a mail ballot?

You do not need to request a mail ballot. You should check and be certain that your voter registration is updated and that your mailing address is correct.

How do I use my mail ballot?

It must be returned in the provided ballot return envelope. Ballots returned in any other envelope will not be counted. If needed, a replacement ballot return envelope can be obtained from your county election offices. <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/voters/county-clerk-contact-information>. Only one ballot should be returned per ballot return envelope. If a ballot return envelope contains more than one ballot, none of the ballots will be counted. Lastly, all ballot return envelopes must be signed by the voter.



What are the deadlines to return a mail ballot?

If a mail ballot is returned by mail, it must be **postmarked** on or before November 3, and **received** by the county election officials by 5pm on November 10. If a mail ballot is received by 5pm on November 6, and the postmark cannot be determined, the ballot will be deemed to have been postmarked on or before the election.

If a mail ballot is hand delivered to the county election office or dropped off at a secure drop box location, it must be received by 7pm on Election Day.

Can someone else return my ballot for me?

A mail ballot may be returned on behalf of a voter by anyone designated by the voter. Note: This is a change from the prior rule that ballots could only be returned only by a member of the family of the voter.

What if I never received my mail ballot? And what if I changed my mind about voting by mail?

You can always decide to vote in person during early vote or on Election Day. To vote in person, a voter must physically surrender their mail ballot at the polling place **OR** sign an affirmation indicating the voter will not vote their mail ballot. Voters are not required to bring their mail ballot with them to surrender before voting in person.

How do I check the status of my mail ballot?

Voters can sign up for ballot tracking and ballot status alerts here: <https://nevada.ballottrax.net/voter/>

What if there is a problem with my mail ballot? Can I fix it?

If the voter left off their signature or if there is a reasonable suspicion of whether the signature used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the voter, the clerk shall contact the voter and advise the voter of the procedures to provide a signature or a confirmation that the signature used for the mail ballot belongs to the voter. For the mail ballot to be counted, the voter must provide a signature or a confirmation, before 5pm on November 12. The clerk must contact the voter by mail, telephone, or email.

Polling Place Questions & Registration

Where can I vote? Am I at the right place?

A voter who chooses to vote in person will have two options:

Early Voting - Early voting begins on Saturday, October 17 and runs through Friday, October 30. Days and hours of operation vary by county. A list of early voting locations and hours of opening by county can be found at <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/election-day-information>. In order to avoid lines on Election Day, all voters who wish to vote in person are encouraged to vote early. **OR**

Election Day - Polling locations open at 7am on Election Day and remain open until 7pm. As long as you are in line by 7pm, you will be allowed to vote. A list of polling locations on Election day can be found here <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/election-day-information>

Am I registered to vote? Can I register for this election if I'm not?

You can register to vote online at <https://www.registertovotenv.gov/> if you have a current and valid Nevada driver's license or state ID card.

You can also register to vote in person with your county elections office. Find your county elections office here <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/voters/county-clerk-contact-information>. You can also register to vote in person at an early voting site or on Election Day at polling locations.

You can also register to vote by mail with a paper application form that can be found here <https://www.nvsos.gov/SOSVoterRegForm/home.aspx>. This application must be completed, printed, signed and delivered to your county elections office. You will need a Nevada driver's license, state ID card or the last four digits of your social security number. If you do not have any of these, you will be contacted by the elections office for more information once your application is received.

What if I've moved?

Voters who have moved can update their voting address either before or on Election Day. If a voter has not updated their registration before Election Day, he or she should go to the polling location associated with his or her new address. All voters will be permitted to cast a regular ballot after providing an oral or written affirmation of their new address.

What if I'm not on the voter roll at my polling place?

You should verify that you are at the correct polling place. If you are not, and there is time to get to your correct polling place before the polls close, you should go to your correct polling place. Some counties have vote centers that allow voters to vote at any polling location within their county. You can register to vote and update your registration at your polling location during early vote and on Election Day. You should check your voter registration to be sure you are registered at the correct address.

At a minimum, you are entitled to vote a provisional ballot.

When should I request or use a provisional ballot?

A voter has the right to vote by provisional ballot if:

- the voter believes they are properly registered but their name did not appear as an eligible voter on the voter roll
- the voter applied to vote by mail but didn't provide required ID at the polling place;
- the voter casts their ballot after the polling place would normally close due to a court order extending the hours of voting.

Voters may call the Nevada provisional ballot hotline at (877) 766-8683 to verify whether their vote was counted.

Voter ID

Do I need an ID to vote in person?

Generally, voters do not need to show ID when they vote in person.

However, if the voter is voting for the first time in Nevada and registered by mail or online and did not submit their driver's license number, state ID card number, or the last four digits of their social security number, then they will be asked for ID.

What ID can I use to vote?

Acceptable forms of ID are a current and valid photo ID, including a Nevada driver's licence or State ID card, or a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or government document that shows the voter's name and address.

What if I don't have my ID with me? What if I don't have an accepted ID and cannot get one in time?

You will vote a provisional ballot.

What if my ID is expired?

If the ID used has an expiration date, it must not be expired.

Disability and Language Access

Is there curbside voting?

Check with your local election official to determine if curbside voting will be available.

Will the polling place be accessible? How do I get accessible voting equipment?

All polling locations in the State of Nevada have been certified compliant under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Please contact your county clerk/registrar prior to visiting your polling location so that they can be prepared to respond to your specific accessibility needs. All county election officials are required to make reasonable accommodations which will allow a person to vote at his/her polling place.

Every polling location must have at least one designated voting booth that is accessible for elderly persons or persons with a disability. This includes ample room for wheelchair access as well as voting equipment that ensures maximum privacy and the right of all citizens to vote with independence and dignity. Voting machines are equipped with mechanical audio units as well as "sip and puff" capabilities. All voting machines have large print/zoom capabilities and alternatively each polling place has screen magnifiers for those who would prefer to use the magnifiers versus the built in zoom function.

Voters with disabilities can use the Effective Absentee System for Elections (EASE) for the 2020 general election. Voters with disabilities can use the assistive technology on their computer to vote privately and independently. If you are a voter with a disability and you would like to cast a ballot using Nevada's accessible absentee voting option, please <https://www.nvsos.gov/ease/easepages/overview.aspx>.

Can someone help me vote?

Any voter, regardless of whether they are able to read, write or speak English, or if they are blind or otherwise physically disabled, has the right to receive help from a person of their choice except the voter's employer, an agent of the voter's employer, or an officer or agent of the voter's union.

Can someone translate the ballot for me? Will there be ballots in other languages?

Clark County in Nevada is required by law to provide ballots in Filipino and in Spanish, in addition to English. Any voter who needs assistance to read, write or speak English has the right to receive help from a person of their choice except the voter's employer, an agent of the voter's employer, or an officer or agent of the voter's union.

Other Voting Laws

Can I vote if I have been convicted of a felony?

Any Nevada resident who is convicted of a felony is immediately restored the right to vote upon the individual's release from prison. There is no waiting period or action required by the individual. The restoration of voting rights is automatic and immediate upon the individual's release from prison, regardless of the category of felony committed or whether the individual is still on either parole or probation.

What kinds of electioneering is not permitted? What is the boundary line?

Voters have the right to wait to vote without anyone electioneering or trying to influence their vote in any other way within 100 feet of the entrance to the voting area.

"Electioneering" means posting signs relating to the support or opposition of a candidate, ballot question, or political party; distributing literature relating to the above; using loudspeakers to broadcast information relating to the above; buying, sling, wearing or displaying any badge, button or other insignia which is designed or tends to aid or promote the successor defeat of any political party, candidate or ballot question to be voted upon at that election; or soliciting signatures to any kind of petition.

Is there anything I can't or shouldn't bring with me into the voting booth?

The electioneering rules are not intended to prohibit a person from voting solely because the voter is wearing a prohibited political insignia and is reasonably unable to remove it or cover it. In such a case, the poll worker will allow the voter to vote as expediently as possible and then assist the voter in exiting the polling place as soon as possible. There is no prohibition on bringing in sample ballots or a cell phone, although videos and photos are not permitted in the polling place.



My vote has been challenged. What do I do?

A voter can be challenged orally by any registered voter of the precinct on the ground that they are not the person entitled to vote as claimed or have voted before at the same election; or on other eligibility grounds if set forth in a challenge filed with the county clerk. Challenged voters may vote if they swear an oath that they are eligible and, if they have been challenged on grounds of identity, provide identification. Voters challenged on grounds of identity who cannot provide ID or who will not swear the oath will not be permitted to vote.

Do I need a mask to vote in person?

Pursuant to the Governor's emergency directive, all voters are highly encouraged to wear a mask to the polling place. If you refuse to wear a mask, you may be provided with an alternative voting method.