

A safe & hassle-free voting experience: A practical guide.

For the November 2020 Presidential General Election, all voters will be mailed a ballot. This will help to reduce exposure to [COVID-19](#) while allowing you to exercise your right to vote. To protect the health and welfare of all San Diegans, we encourage you to vote your mail-in ballot from the safety and comfort of your home.

Here are a few strategies to help make the voting process not only safer, but more convenient as we head into flu season with COVID-19 still looming.

VERIFY YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION

Have you moved or changed your name? Whether you are new to San Diego County or just moved down the street you need to re-register to vote.

Make sure the Registrar of Voters mails your ballot to the correct address. Verify your residence address and, if different, your mailing address. You can verify your voter information, register or re-register to vote online. [Act now!](#)

VOTE SAFER AT HOME



Mail ballots start going out the week of October 5. If you have kept your voter information up to date you should expect to receive your ballot that same week.

You can track your ballot every step of the way by signing up for **"Where's My Ballot?"** [Sign up now.](#)

Voting by mail is:

SIMPLE. Your ballot along with your "I Voted" sticker arrives in your mailbox nearly a month before Election Day.

SAFER. Make voting decisions and complete your ballot comfortably at home.

SECURE. Seal your completed ballot in your postage paid envelope, sign it, date it and return it by mail promptly so it is received well before Election Day. Your signature is required for your ballot to count!

You may also deposit your sealed ballot at any one of 124 convenient drop-off locations around the county. Or, you may drop it at the Registrar's office or at any polling place.

Tip: Mail Ballot Voters who decide to vote at their polling place should BRING their Mail Ballot to be SURRENDERED, then a new ballot will be issued.

WILL THERE BE POLLING PLACES?

Yes. In fact, polling places throughout the county will be open for four days, October 31 through November 3. Be prepared. There will be fewer locations than in prior elections, so your polling place has most likely changed. Be sure to go to your assigned polling location. Visit sdvote.com or look on the back cover of your sample ballot and voter information pamphlet to find your assigned poll.

If you decide to vote in-person, don't be surprised, lines may be long! Be Vote Ready. Mark your selections on your sample ballot in advance so when you go inside the voting booth, you can quickly fill in the official ballot.

We encourage older adults and people with underlying medical conditions to avoid long lines and crowded polling places by acting early.

If you need to vote in person you should take advantage of early voting:

- At the [Registrar's office](#) beginning October 5, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- At your assigned polling place or the Registrar's office Saturday, October 31 through Monday, November 2, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- All will again be open on Election Day when the voting hours will change to 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. but we urge you not to wait. Avoid delays by voting early!



Bring your mask. The Registrar of Voters is adhering to the County's public health orders and will make reasonable accommodations when needed to ensure the health and safety of all election workers, voters and observers to our office and polling places.

YOUR VOTE. YOUR CHOICE. YOUR HEALTH.

Waiting until Election Day can be a hectic time of last-minute decisions. Or with a little preparation, you can vote early, and the experience can be not only safer but more convenient and easier for all. Either way, we will ensure every eligible vote is counted.



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