

CONSTITUENTS FIRST: Safe Voting FAQs

OREGON

The global pandemic is changing voting behavior, creating opportunities for confusion and misinformation. As a state legislator, you are uniquely positioned to help inform and keep your constituents up-to-date. We hope you find this FAQ for safe elections in Oregon helpful. MAP is continuously adding resources for legislators. For more information, please contact us at policy@millennialaction.org.

VOTER FAQs

- **What do I need before voting?**
 - **October 13th, 2020 is the deadline day to register to vote for the upcoming election.** Register to vote online [here](#), or contact your local election administrator for other registration options.

- **Can I vote in person?**
 - Early Voting: No; because Oregon conducts elections entirely by mail there will be no in-person early voting
 - Election Day: Yes, although every registered voter will receive a ballot in the mail, you can still go to your County Clerk's office to cast your ballot on election day. Find your location and hours [here](#).
 - **What do I need to bring with me?**
 - As an ID is required to register to vote in Oregon, no ID is required when voting.
 - **Will polls be staffed?**
 - Legitimate concerns exist around staffing polling places, and consolidating voting locations—as many states did during primaries—only adds confusion to the process and increases crowding at the polls. If you are concerned about your state's ability to staff the polls, here are some solutions that have broad support amongst the public:
 - 76% support recruiting young people to serve as poll workers
 - 71% support encouraging businesses to provide employees with paid time off on Election Day to serve as poll workers
 - 70% support giving state employees time off to serve as poll workers
 - 68% support flexibility in allowing people to serve as poll workers outside of their precinct of residence

- **Can I vote Absentee/Vote-by-mail?**
 - Yes, every registered voter in Oregon will be mailed an absentee ballot and voting-by-mail is considered the standard voting method.

- If you will be away from home during the mail voting period, you may request an absentee ballot to a location other than your registration address using this [form](#)
 - October 28th is the final day ballots may be mailed. **All ballots must be received by 8 PM on November 3rd to be counted.**
- ***ID and witness requirements?***
 - There are no special witness or ID requirements to vote-by-mail in Oregon
- ***How do I return my ballot?***
 - Mailed ballots will include prepaid return postage. Your ballot will specify the appropriate return address.
 - Certified ballot drop boxes will be available across the state, find locations [here](#).
- ***What deadlines do I need to be aware of?***
 - October 13th: Final day to register to vote.
 - October 28th: Final day that ballots may be mailed (note: all registered voters will automatically be mailed ballots before this day).
 - 8:00 PM, November 3rd: Deadline for all ballots to be returned in any form.
- ***When will we know election results?***
 - Voters should be encouraged to exercise patience awaiting election results come November. Increased use of absentee ballots will undoubtedly slow election tallies in some places.
 - If you are highly concerned about delayed election results, and your state does not allow early canvassing, election officials can make changes to expand the ballot processing timeframe without compromising security, as [Maryland recently did](#).
- **All information above is current as of 9/23/20.** Check the [Oregon My Vote](#) page for more details