

Top Issues in the Field

- Poll Schedule On Election Day, November 3, 2020, each polling place will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time. A voter in line by 8:00 p.m. has the right to vote. Voters may line up prior to 7:00 a.m. on Election Day.
- 2. **Voter ID** Pennsylvania voters are usually not required to show identification at the polling place. Voters must show identification if they are voting for the first time or if they have not previously voted in their current election district. Any of the following forms of photo ID are acceptable:
 - PA driver's license or PennDOT ID Card
 - Photo ID issued by any Commonwealth agency;
 - Photo ID issued by the U.S. Government;
 - U.S. Passport;
 - U.S. Armed Forces ID;
 - Student ID with a photo; or
 - Employee ID with a photo

Alternatively, you can provide one of the following documents if they contain your name and current address:

- Confirmation of registration from the Voter Registration Office;
- Non-photo ID issued by the Pennsylvania or U.S. Government;
- Current utility bill;
- Current bank statement; or
- Current paycheck or government check.

NOTE: Voters who are voting at a new polling place location (like a consolidated polling place) are not required to show ID unless they have not previously voted in their election district.

- 3. Accessibility In some cases, a polling place may not be easily accessible for those with disabilities. Elderly voters and individuals with disabilities who are assigned to an inaccessible polling place have the right to an alternative ballot. For more information on alternative ballots, see <u>https://www.votespa.com/Voting-in-PA/Pages/Accessible-Voting.aspx</u> or call 866-OUR-VOTE.
- 4. Assistance at the polls A voter who is unable to read, write or speak English or who is blind or otherwise physically disabled has the right to receive help voting 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.
- 5. If a voter has moved If a registered voter has moved within Pennsylvania, The voter should go to the polling place for their former residence and will be permitted to vote a regular ballot after filling out a written affirmation of the change of address.
- 6. **Polling place has been consolidated or changed:** The voter should check the Department of State website and use the find my polling place tool: <u>https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/pages/pollingplaceinfo.aspx</u>
- 7. **Polling place boundary** Voters have the right to wait to vote (or to vote) without anyone electioneering or trying to influence their vote in any other way within <u>10 feet</u> of the entrance of the room in which voting is taking place.

If you have any questions or need further information, please call the Election Protection Hotline at 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683) or go to www.866OurVote.org. For Spanish-language assistance, call 888-VE-Y-VOTA. For assistance in various Asian languages, call 888-API-VOTE. For assistance in Arabic, call 844-YALLA-US.



- 8. **Provisional ballots –** A voter has the right to vote by provisional ballot if the voter believes they are properly registered to vote and:
 - a. the voter's name does not appear on the list of registered voters for the precinct;
 - b. the new voter does not provide identification at the polling place;
 - c. the voter requested an absentee ballot that they did not receive or did not cast;
 - d. the voter requested a vote by mail ballot and they did not receive or did not cast;
 - e. the voter's right to vote has been challenged by an inspector who believes the voter is not entitled to vote at that precinct; or
 - f. a federal or state court order extends the time for closing the polls beyond that established by state law and the voter votes during the extended period of time.

However, a provisional ballot should be a last resort. Within seven days after the election, the County Board of Elections will examine your provisional ballot to determine if it is valid. After this seven-day period, you can find out if your provisional ballot was counted, partially counted or not counted.

- 9. Vote by Mail: Completed vote by mail and absentee ballots must
 - **a.** The ballot must be postmarked by 8:00 pm on Election Day and must be **actually received** by the applicable county election office by 5 p.m. Eastern Time on November 6, which is three (3) days after Election Day,
 - **b.** be postmarked no later than 8 p.m. Eastern Time on Election Day, regardless of whether actually received before or after the Election Day; **and**
 - c. be inserted in the inner secrecy envelope and then inserted in the outer return envelope
 - **d.** the declaration on the outer return envelope must be signed by the voter..

Voters may not drop off voted mail in ballots at polling places. However, a voter may surrender their ballot and outer return envelope at the polling place to the Judge of Elections. The JOE will spoil the ballot and the voter will be permitted to vote on a regular ballot.

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