

**ARE YOU  
READY TO VOTE?**

**vote.pa.gov** 

**Pennsylvania  
Municipal General 2021**

**Election Questions?  
Call 1-877-868-3772**

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**Ways to vote**

**The first step is to register to vote**

 Become a registered voter at [vote.pa.gov/Register](https://vote.pa.gov/Register)

If you're already registered, make sure your information is up to date.

**Vote by mail with no excuse needed**

 All registered voters are eligible to vote by mail. Request your ballot at [vote.pa.gov/ApplyMailBallot](https://vote.pa.gov/ApplyMailBallot)

**Vote at the polls on Election Day**

 Vote on Election Day, **November 2, 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.**

Find your polling place at [vote.pa.gov/Polls](https://vote.pa.gov/Polls)

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**Important dates**

 **October 18**  
Last day to register to vote or update your address.  
*Register or update your information at [vote.pa.gov/Register](https://vote.pa.gov/Register)*

 **October 26**  
Last day to request a mail-in or absentee ballot. *Your County Board of Elections must receive your application by 5 p.m. Request your ballot at [vote.pa.gov/ApplyMailBallot](https://vote.pa.gov/ApplyMailBallot)*

 **November 2 is Election Day**  
Polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
*Voted mail-in and absentee ballots must be received by your County Board of Elections by 8 p.m.*

 Find out more at [vote.pa.gov](https://vote.pa.gov) or your county board of elections or call 1-877-868-3772.

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**Voting by mail**

**All registered voters are eligible to vote by mail – no excuse needed.**

**How to vote by mail**

 1. Request an application for a mail-in ballot by **October 26 at 5 p.m.**

2. When your ballot arrives in the mail, mark it how you want to vote.

3. Put your ballot in the white inner **secrecy** envelope that says **“Official Election Ballot”** and seal it. Do not place any mark, text, or symbol on the inner secrecy envelope.

4. Put the secrecy envelope in the pre-addressed return envelope and seal it.

5. **Sign** and write **today's date** on the return envelope in the **Voter's Declaration** section. If you do not **sign and date** the **Voter's Declaration**, your ballot will not be counted.

6. Return your voted mail-in ballot.

**Return your ballot early so that it is received by November 2 at 8 p.m.**

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## Voting by mail

**How do I return my ballot?**

**You have two options:**

**By Mail**



Put your ballot in any U.S. Post Office or official mailbox. It must be received by your County Board of Elections by 8 p.m. on election day (**November 2**), postmarks do not count.

**Or**

**At Designated Locations**



Hand-deliver your ballot before 8 p.m. on election day (**November 2**) to your County Board of Elections or another drop-off location designated by the Board. Check the county website for times and locations.

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## Voting at the polls

**Election Day is November 2**



Polls are open **7 a.m. - 8 p.m.** Your polling place may have changed. Find yours at [vote.pa.gov/Polls](http://vote.pa.gov/Polls) or call **1-877-868-3772**.

**Stay safe at the polls**



Listen to the poll workers—they are there to help. Follow recommended guidelines. Find more information at [vote.pa.gov/AtThePolls](http://vote.pa.gov/AtThePolls)

**Surrender Your Ballot**



If you are unable to return your voted absentee or mail-in ballot by the deadline, you may only vote a provisional ballot at your polling place on election day, unless you surrender your absentee or mail-in ballot and the return envelope containing the Voter's Declaration to the judge of elections to be voided to vote by regular ballot.

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## Voting by mail

**What if I lose my mail-in ballot?**



You can request a replacement ballot or vote at your polling place on election day using a provisional ballot

**How do I track my ballot?**



You can see the status of your mail-in ballot at [vote.pa.gov/MailBallotStatus](http://vote.pa.gov/MailBallotStatus)

**What happens to my ballot?**



Go to [vote.pa.gov/MailBallot](http://vote.pa.gov/MailBallot) to find a video of what happens to your ballot after you return it

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## Make a plan to vote

**Be prepared for the election**



Making a plan is helpful to many people. Make your voting plan here.

**How** will you vote? [  ] by mail [  ] in person

Vote by mail checklist

[  ] I applied for my ballot

[  ] I received my ballot

[  ] I returned my voted ballot

**Where** will you vote?

Address of your polling place or designated ballot collection site

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**When** will you vote?

Date and time (mid-morning and early afternoon are usually less busy times at polling places)

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**What else** do you need to plan?

Childcare, work, transportation, interpreter (if English is not your first language, you can bring someone to the polls to interpret and translate for you to help you vote)

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## Extra pages

The first 8 slides are the pages for the Pocket Guide.

Slides 5-8 are the inside 4 pages. You can replace any of them with one of the extra pages that follow.

When you have the 8 pages you want, make a copy of the file and delete the other pages so you have just 8 pages in your file.

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## Your voting rights

### Accessibility



There are accessible voting systems at each polling place for private and independent voting. There is also an accessible remote ballot marking option for qualified mail voters. Learn more about new voting systems and our accessible remote ballot option at [vote.pa.gov](http://vote.pa.gov)

### Language access



When a voter at the polls needs someone to help interpret or translate in order to vote, they have the right to assistance and may choose someone to help them. In **Berks County, Lehigh County, and Philadelphia**, all election information that is available in English must also be available in Spanish.

### Rights restoration



Even if you have been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor or are in pretrial detention, you may be able to vote. Visit [vote.pa.gov](http://vote.pa.gov) for more information.

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## Voting at the polls

**Make a plan to vote safely in person at your polling place.**

### Before Election Day



- Check your voter registration at [vote.pa.gov/Status](http://vote.pa.gov/Status) or call 1-877-868-3772.
- Find your polling place address at [vote.pa.gov/Polls](http://vote.pa.gov/Polls) or call 1-877-868-3772.
- Review a sample ballot and study the issues

### On Election Day — November 2



- Schedule your transportation in advance.
- If possible, plan to arrive in the mid-morning or early afternoon when polling places are usually less busy
- Bring your own pen to avoid touching shared surfaces
- Wear a mask
- Practice social distancing
- Follow instructions from poll workers

Write your polling place address here:

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## Voting as a student

### You have options



- You can register at the address where you reside while you attend school in PA.
- You can vote by mail or at the polls.

### Remember to register to vote



You must vote where you are registered. Register or update the address on your registration at [vote.pa.gov/Register](http://vote.pa.gov/Register)

### Studying abroad



If you are studying abroad, visit [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov) to request your absentee ballot.

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## Become a poll worker

**Be a champion of democracy!**



Serving as a poll worker is a great way to serve your community, witness democracy firsthand, and earn a stipend

**To serve as a poll worker, you must:**

- Be a registered voter in Pennsylvania
- Not be a government official or employee

**As a poll worker, you can expect to:**

- Attend a mandatory training.
- Work from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. or later on election day.
- Treat all voters with kindness and patience

**Ready to join us?**



Fill out the Pennsylvania Poll Worker Interest Form at [vote.pa.gov/GetInvolved](http://vote.pa.gov/GetInvolved)

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## Page order and printed layout

**Front of paper**

Slide 1 Front Cover (upside down)	Slide 2 Back Cover (upside down)
Slide 3 Inside left	Slide 4 Inside right

**Back of paper**

Slide 5 Back – top left	Slide 6 Back – top right
Slide 7 Back bottom left	Slide 8 Back bottom right

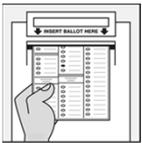
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## Mark and check your ballot

**To vote using a hand-marked paper ballot**



Make your selection by filling in the block, oval or other fillable shape next to your choices



When you're done, scan or deposit your ballot in the appropriate ballot box

**To vote on a ballot-marking system**



Make your selections on the screen



When you're done, print, check and scan your ballot

Either way...  
**Check your ballot before you cast it**

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## To print

**Print only the first 8 slides**

Export the first **8 slides** to Adobe Reader.

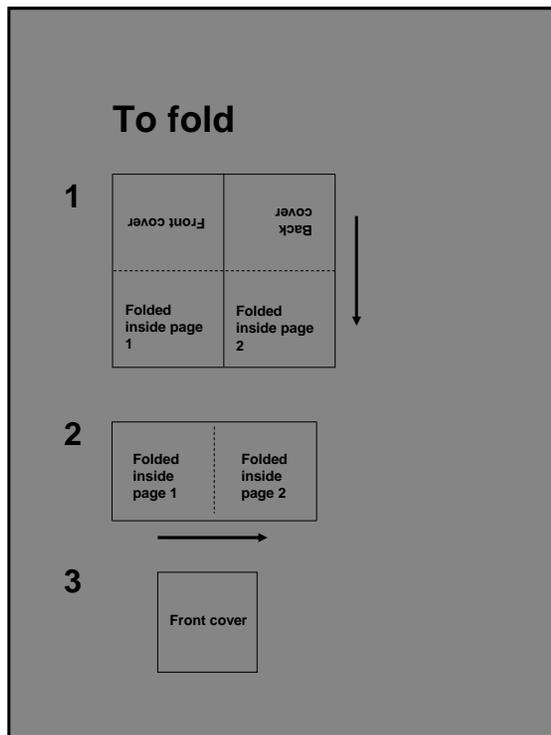
- Go to File>Export, Select PDF as the file format and press Export

Print the file from Adobe Reader

1. Set the print options
  - Page Size: **Multiple - 4 pages per sheet**
  - Printing: **Two-sided**
  - Page layout: **Portrait**
  - Two sided: **Flip on the short side**
2. Print

There are detailed instructions with screen shots on ElectionTools.org in the Pocket Guide tool

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