



## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR VOTERS

[Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](https://michigan.gov/Coronavirus)

The following guidance is based on the most current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) recommendations for prevention of the spread of COVID-19.

- **Consider voting by mail or early in person to minimize contact.** Voting alternatives that limit the number of people you come in contact with or the amount of time you are in contact with others can help reduce the spread of COVID-19.
  - Voting by mail is a healthy option because it lets you maintain physical distance and helps reduce crowding at in-person voting centers.
  - Voting early in person is also a healthier option because the crowds you encounter may be smaller while waiting to vote, and reduces lines on Election Day for everyone else.
- **Don't expose others.** If you are sick or concerned you have been exposed to COVID-19, seek medical care. If you don't have an absentee ballot, contact your local election office for guidance about voting options.
- **If you go to vote in person or to turn in your ballot, practice [healthy behaviors to protect yourself](#) and slow the spread of COVID-19.**
  - [Wash hands](#) before entering and after leaving the polling location.
  - While in the polling location, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol frequently, especially after touching surfaces frequently touched by multiple people, such as door handles or voting machines.
  - Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or the inside of your elbow. Throw used tissues in lined trash cans. [Wash hands](#) or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol.
  - Wear a [mask](#) that covers your mouth and nose. This has been shown to effectively block transmission of the virus, and keep you and others free from infection from COVID-10. Children under 2 years of age and anyone who has trouble breathing, or is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance should not wear a mask.

- Maintain at least 6 feet (about two arms' length) of distance from others. It is important to continue [social distancing](#) even when you and others are wearing masks.
- **Consider voting alternatives available in your jurisdiction that minimize contact.** Voting alternatives that limit the number of people you come in contact with or the amount of time you are in contact with others can help reduce the spread of COVID-19.
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  - If you are sick or concerned that you have been exposed to COVID-19, seek medical care. If you don't have an absentee ballot, contact your local election office for guidance about voting options.
- **Do not disinfect or wipe down the voting equipment yourself.** Electronic voting equipment can be damaged by cleaners and disinfectants. If you use hand sanitizer before touching the voting equipment, ensure your hands are completely dry to avoid damaging the equipment. Wash your hands or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer **after** using the voting equipment.
- **Avoid crowds**
  - Use early voting, if available in your jurisdiction.
  - Vote at off-peak times, such as mid-morning.
  - If driving to the polls and your schedule allows, monitor the voter line from your car and join when it's shorter.
- **Be prepared**
  - Check your voting location and requirements in advance because they may have changed due to COVID-19.
  - Verify your voter registration information is correct in advance of reporting to the polling location.
  - Contact your [local or state election office](#) for additional information for voters with disabilities.
  - Make sure you have all necessary documents to avoid delays at the polling location.
  - If possible, complete any registration forms prior to arriving at the polling location.
  - Where possible, review or complete a sample ballot at home to speed the process of casting your ballot at the polling location.
  - Bring your own black ink pen.

- Bring a stylus or similar object for use with touchscreen voting machines. Check with poll workers before using.