

VOTING

in New Jersey's 2020 Primary Election



Primary Election voting will be different this year to keep people healthy and safe from COVID-19. New Jersey's Primary Election has been delayed until **July 7th** and most voters will vote with a paper **Vote-By-Mail ballot** they receive in their mailbox. This resource provides information to help you vote in the 2020 Primary Election.



Your Options for Voting in the 2020 Primary Election

Vote-By-Mail

One of the biggest changes to the voting process for the 2020 Primary Election is that it will be conducted primarily through Vote-By-Mail. When you Vote-By-Mail, you will receive a ballot to complete through the mail instead of going to a polling place to vote in-person.

If you are an active **Democratic** or **Republican** registered voter, your County Clerk will automatically send you a **Vote-By-Mail ballot** for this election.

If you are registered as an **Unaffiliated** or **inactive** Democratic or Republican voter, your County Clerk will automatically send you a **Vote-By-Mail application**. You will need to complete this application and mail it to your County Clerk at least 7 days before the election to receive a Vote-By-Mail ballot (**by June 30th**).

Reminder: To vote in the Primary Election, Unaffiliated voters must choose to be affiliated with either the Democratic or Republican party to receive that Party's Vote-By-Mail-Ballot.

You can submit your completed Vote-By-Mail Ballot by:



returning through the U.S. Postal Service with no stamp needed. Your ballot must be post-marked by 8 p.m. on July 7th and received by your county's Board of Elections by July 14th.



submitting to a secure drop box in your area by 8 p.m. on July 7th. Contact your county's Board of Elections for a list of drop box locations: [https://www.nj.gov/state/elections/county-
eo.shtml](https://www.nj.gov/state/elections/county-
eo.shtml)



having a bearer deliver your sealed ballot to your county Board of Elections for you. They must complete the Bearer section on your return envelope and show identification when they drop it off.

Accessible Vote-By-Mail Ballots

If you automatically receive a Vote-By-Mail ballot, you can contact the County Clerk to request an accessible ballot. You will be emailed a PIN and link to the website where you can download an accessible ballot to complete on your computer, phone, or tablet. You must print the completed ballot and return it in the envelope provided with the regular Vote-By-Mail ballot. You can request an empty envelope from the County Clerk if you've misplaced or discarded the original.



If you aren't signed up to automatically receive a Vote-By-Mail ballot, you will have to fill out the application for a Vote-By-Mail ballot. Once you receive your ballot, you can request access to an accessible version.

For more information on voting by mail, visit the New Jersey Division of Elections' website: <https://www.nj.gov/state/elections/vote-by-mail.shtml>

Voting In-Person

For this election, each municipality must have at least one polling place open for in-person voting. Polling places will limit the number of voters to make sure that they are six feet apart from each other and from poll workers at all times.

Those who choose to vote in-person at a polling location will vote on a provisional paper ballot. Individuals with disabilities will be able to use an accessible voting machine.

Vote-By-Mail ballots **cannot** be returned to polling locations on Primary Election Day.

Call Disability Rights New Jersey if you have any questions about voting or issues on Election Day:

1-800-922-7233



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