



# VOTE FROM HOME!

## For this Year's July 7 Primary Election Voting from Home is Simple, Safe and Secure

No one, especially older New Jerseyans, should have to risk their lives or their health to exercise their right to vote. To protect the health and safety of all voters and poll workers, and our democratic processes, AARP advocated for and New Jersey agreed to greatly expand and simplify our ability to vote from home using mail-in ballots. Here is how it works for the July 7, 2020 primary election:

- **New Jersey's primary election is open to registered Republican and Democrat voters.** Every New Jersey registered Democrat and Republican voter (sometimes referred to as an affiliated voter) will be mailed a ballot with a stamped, self-addressed return envelope that you can use to vote from home. Mail-in ballots must be postmarked by July 7 at 8 p.m., or you can place your ballot in a Secure Ballot Drop Box by July 7.
- **Voting from home is safe and your privacy is protected.** When your local election board receives your ballot, it will be removed and separated from its outer envelope so no one can see how you voted. This process is tried and tested. New Jerseyans have been voting from home safely and securely for years.
- **If you are a registered independent (unaffiliated) or inactive Republican or Democrat voter, you will receive an application to request a mail-in ballot with a stamped, self-addressed return envelope.** Fill it out with your political party (Republican or Democrat) and send it back to your County Clerk by June 30 to vote in this year's primary. (If you do not receive your application in the mail, you can download one [here](#).) Then, you will receive a mail-in ballot to vote from home, which must be returned and postmarked by July 7 at 8 p.m. Voters may return to an unaffiliated (independent) status following the primary election by completing and returning a [Party Declaration form](#) to your County Commissioner of Registration.
- **Ballots can be mailed through the post office or placed in a Secure Ballot Drop Box.** Secure Ballot Drop Boxes will be located throughout your county.
- **Limited, in-person polling locations will be available on July 7.** Your municipality will have at least one poll location. CDC guidelines for safety are required to be followed. **VOTERS CANNOT RETURN MAIL-IN BALLOTS TO POLLING PLACES.** Voters will be mailed information on polling and drop box locations.
- **If you do vote in-person, you will vote by filling out a paper, provisional ballot – NOT at a voting machine.** Because all eligible voters will be mailed a ballot, this process is required to help ensure no one casts more than one vote. Provisional ballots are counted after confirmation that a mail-in ballot has not been received.
- **Polls and voting machines are required to be accessible. Only voters with disabilities who cannot vote from home will have access to in-person voting machines at the designated municipal poll location(s).** Before accessing the machine, she/he must sign a certification of their disability, though will not be asked to identify a specific disability.
- For more information, visit [aarp.org/NJVotes2020](http://aarp.org/NJVotes2020).

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Make Your Voice Heard on July 7. Vote from Home!

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