

# 2020 NEW YORK VOTING CHECKLIST

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## BEFORE YOU VOTE

### DO THE FOLLOWING THINGS AS SOON AS YOU READ THIS:

Check your voter registration status here: [www.vote.org/am-i-registered-to-vote](http://www.vote.org/am-i-registered-to-vote). The deadline to register is Oct 9.  
Make a voting plan! (Look at page two of this checklist for a helpful Voting Plan Checklist)

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## OPTIONS FOR VOTING

Vote by mail/absentee ballot

Vote early in person Oct 24-Nov 1

Vote on Election Day in person Nov 3

### Voting by mail/absentee ballot

In New York, you must technically request your mail-in/absentee ballot by Tue, Oct 27; however, it is strongly encouraged that you do so long before that date in order to ensure time for delivery and for you to troubleshoot if your ballot does not arrive, or arrives with errors (e.g. with the wrong name).

To request your absentee ballot online, visit:

[nycabsentee.com](http://nycabsentee.com) if you are an NYC resident or  
[absenteeballot.elections.ny.gov](http://absenteeballot.elections.ny.gov) if you are a New York State resident outside of NYC.

To track the status of your absentee ballot after you've requested it, visit: [nycabsentee.com/tracking](http://nycabsentee.com/tracking) (NYC only).

As an alternative to mailing in your absentee ballot, you can also drop it off at an early voting poll site or Election Day poll site.

### Voting early in person

Early voting in New York will take place between  
**Sat, Oct 24, and Sun, Nov 1.**

You do not need to do anything special to vote early—as long as you are a registered voter, you can vote early.

Early voting locations MAY or MAY NOT be the same as your Election Day polling place. To find your assigned

early voting location, as well as your Election Day poll site, visit: [findmypollsite.vote.nyc](http://findmypollsite.vote.nyc).

### Voting on Election Day in person

If you are voting on Election Day in person, you may face long lines and wait times. We recommend getting to the polls as early as possible, and securing a Plan B in advance of Election Day (e.g. requesting and filling out a mail-in/absentee ballot).

It is completely legal to request, receive, fill out, and/or mail your absentee ballot AND to show up to vote early or on Election Day in person. Your in-person vote will always override your mail-in/absentee ballot.

If you arrive to vote early or to vote on Election Day in person, and your name cannot be located on the roll call, don't be turned away. Request an affidavit or provisional ballot.

### Why it's so important to have multiple voting plans:

Our lives, and our world, are more unpredictable than ever before. What if your only plan is to vote in person on Election Day, but you find yourself ill or needing to quarantine? What if your childcare or caretaking arrangements fall through? What if you show up to your poll site and your name is not on the roll call? We ALL need back up plans!

For more detailed information on your voting options as well as a regularly updated list of Frequently Asked Questions, please visit: [mmjccm.org/vote](http://mmjccm.org/vote) or [jccharlem.org/vote](http://jccharlem.org/vote).

## MY VOTING CHECKLIST

I have confirmed within the last 30 days that I am registered to vote at my current address. **YES/NO**

If you selected **NO**, visit [www.vote.org/am-i-registered-to-vote/](https://www.vote.org/am-i-registered-to-vote/) immediately!

### My Voting Plan A

- I will be voting (choose one):      (by mail)      (early in person)      (on Election Day in person).
- I need to do the following things in order to make this plan possible: e.g., check my assigned voting place; arrange childcare; rearrange my work schedule; move previously scheduled trips or plans; secure transportation; secure assistance delivering my ballot; etc.

Enter your plan below:

### My Voting Plan B\*

*\*Alternative voting plans should be something you can actualize if/when plan A is no longer an option. e.g., if your Plan A is to vote on Election Day in person, how will ensure your vote is cast and counted if/when that is no longer an option?*

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## KEY DEADLINES (NEW YORK)

### **Fri, Oct 9**

Deadline to register to vote online, by mail, or in person.

### **Sat, Oct 24-Sun, Nov 1**

Early voting period. You can vote in person or drop off your absentee ballot at a poll site drop box. Dates and hours may vary based on where you live.

### **Tue, Oct 27**

Deadline to request a ballot by mail (request needs to be received by Oct 27). Please be aware that the post office has advised the New York Board of Elections that they cannot guarantee timely delivery of ballots applied for less than 15 days before the election. To be safe, we encourage you to request your ballots by Mon, Oct 19.

### **Tue, Nov 3: Election Day**

Deadline to drop off your absentee ballot at a poll site drop box or to vote in person.

To submit your absentee ballot by mail, it must receive a postmark of no later than Tue, Nov 3. The U.S. Postal Service recommends mailing your completed ballot at least seven days before the election. To be safe, we encourage you to submit your ballot by mail by Tue, Oct 27.