

MINNESOTA DFL VOTER PROTECTION

Voter Protection FAQ

Question	Answer
Who can vote in Minnesota?	<p>In order to vote in Minnesota, you must be a U.S. citizen, 18 or older, and have resided in the state for at least 20 days prior to the election. If you have been convicted of a felony, you must currently be “off-paper,” i.e. finished with all parts of your sentence. If you are under guardianship, a judge must not have revoked your right to vote.</p>
How do I register to vote?	<p>You can register in three ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Online <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To register online, go to the Minnesota Secretary of State’s website - By mail <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To register on paper, you can print the forms online or pick them up at your local county elections office. They are available in multiple languages, including Spanish, Somali, and Hmong. The completed form can be mailed to the Secretary of State, 60 Empire Dr. Suite 100, Saint Paul, MN 55103. You can also drop off your application at your local elections office. - On the day of the election at your polling place <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To register at your polling place, you will need to bring a form of identification. This can be your driver’s license, a photo ID and a document showing your address (such as a utilities bill,) tribal ID, another registered voter who can confirm your address, a current college student ID, or the staff person at a residential facility who can vouch for you. You can see more options for forms of identification at https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote/register-on-election-day/.
How do I check my voter registration status?	<p>If you’re not sure if you’re registered to vote, you can check your registration status online at: https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/VoterStatus.aspx</p>
How do I vote?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can vote in-person on Election Day by going to your polling place and

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	<p>casting your ballot there. Polling places are typically open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Some polling places in rural areas won't open until 10 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can vote by mail prior to Election Day by requesting, filling out, and returning an absentee ballot. - You can vote early in person. You can vote by going to your county elections office starting 46 days before the election and requesting an absentee ballot. Some cities also offer additional locations for in-person early voting. For the November 8th General Election, the first day to vote early in person is Friday, September 23. The last day to vote early in person: Monday, November 7. You can register to vote when you go to vote early in person! - Other voting options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Under special circumstances you may be eligible for agent delivery. If you live in a nursing home, assisted living facility, residential treatment center, group home, battered women's shelter, are hospitalized, or are unable to go to the polling place due to incapacitating health reasons or a disability, an agent can pick up and return your ballot for you. https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/other-ways-to-vote/have-an-agent-pick-up-your-ballot-agent-delivery/.
<p>What should I do if I'm worried about COVID?</p>	<p>Special election jurisdictions and voters are encouraged to follow CDC guidance on social distancing (maintaining six feet of distance between voters), equipment sanitization, and hygiene for polling places. In addition to following the CDC's guidance for polling places, we have encouraged jurisdictions to increase their curbside voting operations, and we encourage voters casting a ballot on Election Day to consider taking advantage of curbside voting.</p> <p>The use of cloth face coverings can be considered as an additional measure to reduce the risk in public areas. Refer to MDH Guidance on When to Wear a Mask. Note that cloth face coverings may help protect others from the wearer's respiratory droplets, but are NOT a replacement for social distancing. Social distancing must be observed even if face coverings are in use.</p> <p>It is up to local jurisdictions to construct their own rules surrounding COVID-19 regulations at their polling locations. The Office of the Secretary of State continues to encourage voters to wear masks and social distance.</p>
<p>When should I request my mail-in ballot?</p>	<p>Now! You can request it online. You can also mail, fax, or email a completed application to your county elections office.</p>
<p>What should I do if I don't get my mail ballot?</p>	<p>First, check the status of your ballot online at: https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/AbsenteeBallotStatus.aspx. This will let you know if your ballot should have already arrived or is still in the mail. If it's close to election day and your ballot still hasn't arrived, the best thing to do is to go vote either early in person or on election day. You can request an absentee ballot here.</p>
<p>How should I</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can either mail in your ballot or you can drop off your ballot in person at

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<p>return my absentee ballot?</p>	<p>the elections office that sent it to you before 3 pm on November 8th.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Your returned ballot must be postmarked on or before Election Day (November 8, 2022) and RECEIVED by 8pm on Nov 8th to be counted - You can check to make sure your ballot was received and counted here: https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/AbsenteeBallotStatus.aspx.
<p>Do I need a witness signature on my ballot?</p>	<p>There is a witness requirement for the November 8, 2022 State General Election for registered and non-registered voters.</p>
<p>Where do I vote?</p>	<p>You can find your polling place here: https://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/Default.aspx.</p>
<p>What should I do if I have a problem on Election Day?</p>	<p>Call us! 833-DFL-VOTE. The DFL's voter protection hotline will be staffed all day, and a team of lawyers will be waiting to solve any issues that might arise as Minnesota votes.</p>

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