

Voting from Home

Pocket Guide for Voters

Michigan Local

Elections

May 5, 2020



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Tips for voting from home

Sign your envelope and return your ballot early.

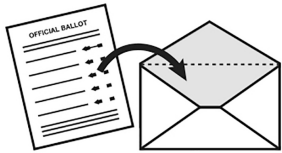
- Make sure you request a ballot using a ballot request form by visiting Mi.gov/vote.
- If your ballot was lost, you never got it or you made a mistake, contact us.
- We can track your ballot and/or cancel the first ballot. We can then send you a new one.
- Read all instructions.
- Be sure you voted the whole ballot.
- Sign the outside of the envelope with your official signature.
- Return your ballot early by:
 - mailing it a week before Election Day
 - dropping it off at your local election office before 8:00 pm on Election Day.



We're here to help!
Have questions?
Mi.gov/vote

What is vote from home?

All registered voters can vote from home before Election Day.



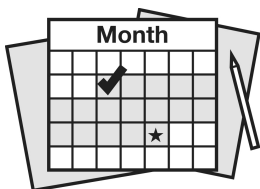
Vote from home

Before the election, download the request form to get your ballot sent in the mail.

We'll send your ballot to the mailing address you give us.

Mark your vote following the instructions on the ballot.

Return your ballot by mail, bring it to the election office, or drop it at your polling place on Election Day.



You can still vote in person.

If you prefer to vote in person, you still can. **Bring your mail ballot with you.**

More days and ways



Take action early to have more options!

April 21

Register to vote at: [MI.gov/VoterRegistration](https://mi.gov/VoterRegistration). After April 21, you will need to register at your clerk's office.

April 28

Send your ballot early!

Return your ballot early enough to make it to the election office by election day.

May 4

Request your ballot early!

To have a ballot mailed to your home, request it no later than 5pm the Friday before the election. You have until Monday at 4pm before Election Day to request in person at your clerk's office.

May 5

Election Day – polls open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Is my vote secure?



Yes. We take many precautions to secure your vote.

We verify every single cast ballot.

The signature on the envelope that you use to send us your ballot must match the signature we have on file in your voter registration record.

How do I know if my ballot gets counted?

We track every voter's ballot. This means you can check when the election office receives your ballot AND when your vote gets counted. **Visit [MI.gov/vote](https://mi.gov/vote) to track your ballot.**

Signing someone else's envelope is a felony.

This is very rare, but can happen. If convicted, you can face up to 5 years in prison.



If you aren't able to drop off your ballot, only a family member or someone residing in your household can do it for you.

How to vote from home

Request a ballot

Get the request ballot form [MI.gov/vote](https://mi.gov/vote)



Get your ballot

Your ballot will arrive in the mail.



Mark your ballot

Just like you would in the polling place.



Sign and seal your envelope



Return your envelope:

- in the mail 7 days before the election
- by dropbox
- at the election office
- at your precinct on election day

How to mark and package

To vote on a paper ballot



Make your selection by filling in the oval next to your choice(s).

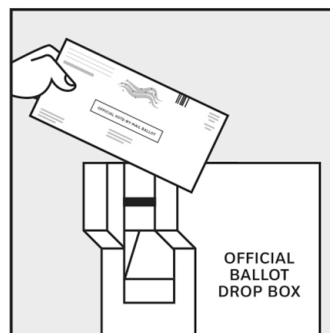


Put your ballot in the return envelope.
Sign the envelope.

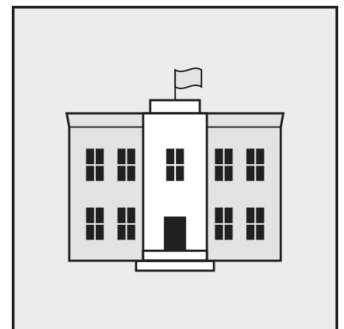
You have 3 options to return your ballot



By mail



By dropbox



At your polling place

Accessible voting



An assistant can help you vote from home

Note: your assistant cannot be an agent of your employer or union.

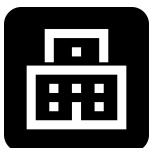


Both you and your assistant must sign the return envelope. If you are unable to sign your name, use the same mark or signature stamp that we have on file.



You can vote from home using a remote accessible option

Vote from home using your own devices. Print your ballot and return it in your ballot envelope.

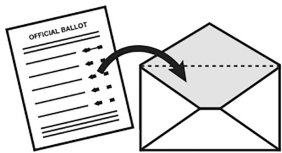


You can vote in person

You can always vote at your polling place. Look up your polling place at [MI.gov/vote](https://mi.gov/vote)

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The < election type> is an all mail election. We will mail every registered voter their ballot <##> days before the election.

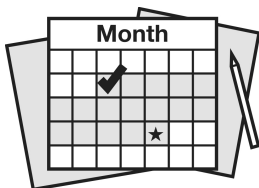


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Your assistant can show you how to mark the ballot so you can vote as you intend.

An assistant **CAN NOT** mark the ballot for you.

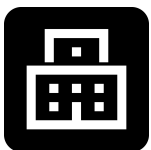


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