

YOUR VOICE MATTERS YOUR VOTE MATTERS

A Guide to Voting in Delaware
Courtesy of Central Delaware NAACP Branch 2028



1. **TO VOTE** in Delaware, you must:

- Be a US citizen
- Be 18 on or before the date of the election (November 3, 2020)
- Be a resident of Delaware (even if you have no permanent address or are homeless, you can register to vote by providing two pieces of identification with your name. One of those ID's must have the same address you use on your application form. That address can be a shelter, an agency, or another location where you receive your mail.)
- Have not been judged mentally incompetent.

SPECIAL NOTE TO CONVICTED FELONS:

Everyone is urged to register. If you are ineligible because your felony conviction meets certain limitations, you will receive a letter telling you so. If not, you will receive a polling place card in the mail. If you have questions, you can call Courtney Bolt at the Kent County Elections Office, 302.739.4298, or the State Elections Commission office at 302.739.4277.

2. **REGISTER TO VOTE** by completing the application form. You can register at 329 Loockerman St., Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday, 11:30 – 3 p.m. You can register online at <https://ivote.de.gov/VoterView/registrant/newregistrant>. On the



application, you will give your Social Security Number and the number of your Driver's License or your State ID. If you have no license or ID, the last 4 of your Social Security Number will work. PLEASE see the back of the form for special instructions, if this is the first time you've registered in Delaware.

You can also register at certain locations if you have other business there: DMV; Social Services; WIC; Department of Labor, Division of Training & Division of Vocational Rehabilitation; Armed Forces Recruitment Centers; at college when you register for classes; and at the State Election Commission Office, 905 S. Governor's Ave, Ste 170 (See #7 on page 3).

3. **TO VOTE IN PERSON:** Your polling location is determined by the address you give when you register. **All 43 Kent County polling places will be open on Nov 3.** You can call 302.577.3764 to find out where you vote or check online at <https://ivote.de.gov/VoterView>. You will need to show an ID to vote to prove your identity: Driver's license, state ID, signed polling place card/social security card/vehicle registration or credit card with photo.

4. **LEARN ABOUT THE NEW VOTING MACHINES.** Delaware purchased new voting systems in 2018. The new machines were used for the first time in the school board elections in May 2019. After you mark your choices on the electronic screen, the new voting machines print a paper ballot as the ballot of record. **It is very important to carefully review the paper ballot** to make sure it reflects your true choices before finalizing your vote. The paper ballot will be used for recounts when needed, and for routine post-election audits that verify machine accuracy. **Here is a video of how they work:** <https://my.lwv.org/delaware/kent-county/voting>



5. **TO VOTE BY MAIL or BY ABSENTEE BALLOT:** COVID-19 and Gov. Carney have opened up new opportunities for voting without having to be exposed to others. Go to <https://ivote.de.gov/VoterView> to request either a Vote-by-Mail Ballot or an Absentee Ballot.

6. **MAKE SURE YOUR VOTE IS COUNTED:** REGISTER to vote before October 10 (Oct 19, if you are an unregistered uniformed service member). If voting absentee, complete and file your application by October 30. **Complete and return your ballot before the deadline, which is 8 p.m. on November 3.** There is a secure drop box at the County Elections Office.



If voting by mail, DO IT AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

https://elections.delaware.gov/voter_tools.shtml is where you can check to be sure your ballot was received and counted.

7. **YOU CAN ALSO VOTE AT THE COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE.** You can vote absentee in-person at the Kent County Elections Office, 100 Enterprise Place, Ste 5, Dover, DE. You must register first.

YOU MUST DO THIS BEFORE NOON ON **NOVEMBER 2**. You can take your completed ballot to this office OR have someone else deliver it to the office for you by 8 pm on November 3.

(Where is it?)



Just East of the Capitol School District office and Capitol Uniform & Linen on Hazletville Road. Turn onto Enterprise Place road across from the Kraft Food plant.

Contact Info for this office:

PO Box 699, Dover, 19903-0699

Phone: (302) 739-4498

Fax: (302) 739-4515

Email (General Info): votekc@delaware.gov

Email (Absentee Voting): absenteekc@delaware.gov

Email (Vote By Mail): votebymailkc@delaware.gov

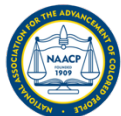
VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT – TOP 8 THINGS TO KNOW

1. Get your ballot early. Do not wait until the last minute.
2. Mail your ballot back as soon as you can.
3. If you spoil or miss-mark your ballot, contact the Department office in your county.
4. Fill in the ovals with blue or black ink. Do NOT use any other mark.
5. **Sign and date the ballot envelope.**
6. Only vote for one candidate for each office. (If you live in Wilmington City, you will be able to vote for 3 Council-at-Large members.)
7. Do not write on the ballot except to make your selections or correct a mistake.
8. The Department counts almost all absentee ballots returned ON TIME. A few ballots may not be counted for cause.

You Can Only Vote Once!!!

#YourVote #YourVoice #YourChoice

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