

## Recommendations for Voters

- Practice [healthy behaviors to protect yourself](#) and slow the spread of COVID-19
  - [Wash your hands](#) before entering and after leaving the polling location.
  - While in the polling location, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol frequently, especially after touching surfaces frequently touched by multiple people, such as door handles or voting machines.
  - Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or the inside of your elbow. Throw used tissues in lined trash cans. [Wash your hands](#) or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol.
  - Wear a [mask](#). Children under 2 and anyone who has trouble breathing, is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance should not wear a mask.
  - Maintain at least 6 feet (about 2 arm lengths) of distance from others. It is important to continue [social distancing](#) even when you and others are wearing masks.
- **Avoid crowds**
  - Use early voting.
  - Vote by mail - In Texas, in order to vote by mail, a voter must have a qualifying reason. A voter may vote early by mail if they:
    - will be away from the county on Election Day & during early voting;
    - are sick or disabled;
    - are 65 years of age or older on Election Day; or
    - are confined in jail, but eligible to vote.

One of the grounds for voting by mail is disability. The Election Code defines "disability" to include "a sickness or physical condition that prevents the voter from appearing at the polling place on election day without a likelihood of needing personal assistance or of injuring the voter's health." (Sec. 82.002). If a voter believes they meet this definition, they can submit an application for ballot by mail.

- [Application for a Ballot by Mail \(PDF\)](#).

- Vote at off-peak times, such as mid-morning.
- If driving to the polls and your schedule allows, monitor the voter line from your car and join it when it's shorter.
- **Be prepared**
  - Check your voting location and requirements in advance because they may have changed due to COVID-19.
  - Verify your voter registration information is correct in advance of reporting to the polling location.
  - Make sure you have all necessary documents to avoid delays at the polling location.
  - Where possible, review or complete a sample ballot at home to speed the process of casting your ballot at the polling location.
  - Bring your own black ink pen.