VOTE 2026 | VOTER INFORMATION

FOR SOCIAL SERVICES AND HEALTH CARE WORKERS

Voters in hospitals or certain health care facilities may have special opportunities to vote at their facility or via agent delivery. In addition, there are many ways for voters with a range of disabilities to vote privately and independently. State and federal laws require polling places to be physically accessible. Cities and towns typically choose polling place locations and are responsible for polling place accessibility. All voters can also vote early by mail or in person.

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ELECTION DAY: Tuesday, November 3

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NONPARTISAN VOTER REGISTRATION AT FACILITIES

Voting is a vital part of civic participation and contributes to building healthier, stronger communities. In Minnesota, public agencies that provide public assistance services are required to offer voter registration opportunities to the people they serve. Additionally, organizations that receive state funding must provide voter registration opportunities for both their employees and the public, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 201.161. Health professionals and people who work at health care institutions have a powerful role in making voter registration accessible and non-partisan for patients, staff, and the communities they serve which include:

- Offer nonpartisan voter registration materials to patients and staff
- Encourage eligible patients and staff to register to vote ahead of voter registration deadlines
- Submit completed voter registration forms to election officials
- Display voter registration materials in public areas, such as waiting rooms
- Partner with nonpartisan nonprofit organizations to host on-site voter registration activities or events
- Become a polling center or dropbox location

VOTING AT FACILITIES

Local election officials can send teams of election judges to nursing homes and hospitals during the 35 days before the election. Election judges can provide applications and issue ballots to eligible residents of the facility, give help if needed, and will return the voted ballots to the local election official. Facilities that would like to exercise this option should coordinate with their local election officials.

ABSENTEE VOTING

Early voting at local elections starts 46 days before Election Day. Voters can also apply to have an absentee ballot sent in the mail. Voters may also sign up to be on the permanent Absentee List, to receive an absentee ballot in the mail every election.

ASSISTANCE FROM OTHERS

Voters can bring anyone to assist while they vote or election judges can also give assistance. Voters cannot get assistance from their employer or their union. The assistant can participate in all parts of the voting process. Assistants cannot influence how a voter marks their ballot if they cannot communicate to the assistant who they would vote for.

SIGN IN ORALLY

Voters have the right to orally confirm who they are and to ask another person to sign if they cannot sign their name.

VOTERS UNDER GUARDIANSHIP

Voting while under guardianship is allowed unless a judge specifically has taken away the right to vote in a court order.

VOTING OPTIONS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Polling places have a machine for voters who may find using a pen difficult while still giving them privacy. The machine is equipped with a screen that displays the ballot in large print or with a high-contrast background. It can also read the ballot through headphones. The ballot can be filled using a Braille keypad, touchscreen or sip-and-puff device. The machine will print the completed ballot after the voter makes their choices.

CURBSIDE VOTING

If a voter cannot easily leave a vehicle, the voter can request 'curbside voting' where a ballot can be brought out to the vehicle by election judges. When voting is finished the two election judges, one from each major political party, will bring the ballot inside and put it in the ballot box.

VOUCHING INFORMATION

Voters who need to register on Election Day must provide proof-of-residence. Facility staff can accompany residents of a facility to 'vouch' for them on Election Day as proof-of-residence. A staff person can vouch up to eight eligible voters who are residents of the facility, however staff must prove their employment with election officials.

AGENT DELIVERY

Voters who live in nursing homes, assisted-living facilities, residential treatment centers, group homes, battered women's shelters, are hospitalized, or cannot go to the polling place due to health reasons or a disability can request an agent to pick up and return their absentee ballot. To request an agent, the voter must submit an absentee ballot application and an agent delivery request form to their local election office. The agent, who must be 18 or older, have a pre-existing relationship with the voter, and provide valid ID when returning the ballot, can only act as an agent for up to three voters in an election. The agent delivery option is available only within 7 days of the election, so it's important to submit these forms as early as possible. Both the absentee ballot application and the agent delivery request form are available online at:

- Voting from a nursing home or hospital
- State agency involvement

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