Get out the vote in Virginia

Why should you vote?
Voting is one of the most powerful ways to make your voice heard in our democracy, but in 2016, only 61.4% of the voting age population in the United States reported voting.

Modern technology has improved access to information on candidates and made it easier to register to vote in many areas, and it is vital to be aware of how you can participate in the 2020 election.

Virginia’s absentee and mail-in voting procedures

Permanent absentee / mail-in voting procedures:
- No excuse required to request an absentee ballot

2020 state absentee / mail-in voting status:
- Coronavirus updates: A federal court approved a partial settlement suspending the witness requirement for absentee ballots cast in the November 3, 2020, general election.

How can you register to vote in Virginia?

To register to vote in Virginia, visit the State Board of Elections website for more information on voter eligibility and the registration process.

You can begin the registration process through Virginia’s Online Voter Registration System.

Deadlines to know for voting in Virginia

Voter registration deadline:
October 12, 2020
Twenty-two days before an election

Absentee / Mail-In voting ballot deadlines:
Request must be received by
October 27, 2020
Seven days before the election

Ballot submission deadline:
Postmarked by 7:00 pm on November 3, 2020 (Election Day) and received by November 6, 2020 at noon.

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