



The 2020 AZVoteSafe Guide

Recommendations for Arizona Voters

VOTE BY MAIL

Arizona has a proud history of secure and reliable voting by mail. Most Arizonans already vote by mail, allowing them to fill out their ballot from the comfort and safety of their home and then mail it back or drop it off at any drop-box or voting location in their county. Due to COVID-19, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Arizona Department of Health Services, and state and county election officials recommend voting by mail, if possible. Voting by mail will minimize direct contact with others and help reduce crowd size at polling places.

Visit azsos.gov/votebymail to learn how to get a ballot-by-mail and ensure you have a secure, reliable, and safe option for voting in this year's elections.

VOTE EARLY

If voting by mail is not an option (e.g., due to lack of access to mail services or the need for language assistance or accommodations), voters are encouraged to vote early in-person, when crowds tend to be smaller and exposure to other people is reduced. Arizona has a generous early voting period that starts 27 days before the election. Contact your [County Recorder's Office](#) for details on early voting locations and days/hours of operation. In-person early voters are encouraged to follow the same safety precautions as Election Day voters detailed below.

VOTE SAFELY ON ELECTION DAY

To facilitate safe in-person voting despite the challenges posed by COVID-19, state and county election officials are taking extra precautions to maximize the safety of voting locations, including by stocking polling places with disinfection and sanitation supplies, providing personal protective equipment to poll workers, implementing physical distancing protocols, and increasing curbside voting and ballot drop-off options.

In addition, voters who vote on Election Day should take the following precautions to keep themselves, other voters, and poll workers safe.

- **Come prepared.** Review and mark a sample ballot so you can vote quickly and minimize the time you need to spend at the voting location.
- **Wear a face covering.** If it can be safely managed, wear a cloth face covering when you go to vote to help protect those around you.
- **Bring your own pen.** Bring your own pen to the voting location to minimize contact with surfaces others may have touched. Some voting locations may have single-use pens available, but bringing your own pen will help keep you safe and minimize waste.
- **Maintain physical distancing.** Stay at least 6 feet away from other voters and poll workers whenever possible (except for caregivers and members of the same household).
- **Wash your hands.** Wash your hands with soap and water (for at least 20 seconds) before and after voting. If hand washing facilities are not readily available, use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- **Don't touch your face.** Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

Questions? Visit Arizona.Vote or contact the Secretary of State's Office at 1-877-THE-VOTE.