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REGISTERING TO VOTE

1. STATUS: Am I registered to vote?

Voters can determine whether they are registered to vote by checking Wisconsin's "My Vote" website at <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/MyVoterInfo>. Voters must enter their name and date of birth to check registration status.

2. HOW: How do I register to vote? What if I don't have access to a computer and/or printer?

Voters may register in four ways.

- Voters who have a current and valid Wisconsin driver license or Wisconsin state ID card may register online at <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/RegisterToVote> until **October 14, 2020**.¹ In order to register online, the voter's name, date of birth, driver license or state ID number, and address must all match the information on file with the Wisconsin DMV. Voters may update their address with the Wisconsin DMV online at <http://wisconsin.gov/Pages/online-srvcs/change-addy/default.aspx>, but updating their name with the Wisconsin DMV requires an in-person visit.
- Voters may download a registration form at <https://elections.wi.gov/forms/el-131-fillable>. The registration form must be printed, completed, and signed, and either mailed or delivered in-person to the voter's municipal clerk, along with a "proof of residence" document. See Question #3 for requirements. Voter registration forms must be postmarked no later than **October 14, 2020**.
- Voters may register in-person in their municipal clerk's office until **5:00 pm on October 30, 2020**. Voters must provide a "proof of residence" document to do so. See Question #3 for requirements.
- Voters may register at the polls on election day (also known as "same day registration.") Voters must provide a "proof of residence" document to do so. See Question #3 for requirements.

3. IDENTIFICATION: What proof of residence is required to register to vote?

Documents submitted to provide proof of residence must include the voter's current name and address and must be valid at the time of registration. Examples include:²

- A WI Driver License/ID Card, if not expired or canceled; may be used even if driving privileges have been revoked;
- Any other official identification card or license issued by a Wisconsin governmental body or unit;
- An employee ID card with a photograph, but not a business card;
- A real property tax bill or receipt for the current year or the year preceding the date of the election;

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- A residential lease (does not count as proof of residence if elector submits form by mail);
- A picture ID from a university, college or technical college coupled with a fee receipt or an on-campus housing listing provided by the university, college or technical college;
- A utility bill for the period commencing not earlier than 90 days before the day registration is made;
- A contract/intake document prepared by a residential care facility indicating that the occupant resides in the facility;
- A bank/credit card statement;
- A paycheck or pay stub;
- A check or other document issued by a unit of government; or
- For homeless voters only, a letter from an organization that provides services to the homeless that identifies the voter and describes the location designated as the person's residence for voting purposes.

There is an extensive and more detailed list of documents available at <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/ProofofResidence#:~:text=A%20Proof%20of%20Residence%20document%20is%20a%20document,or%20receive%20a%20ballot%20at%20your%20polling%20place>

4. DEADLINES: When is/was the voter registration deadline? Are there different deadlines whether I register by mail, in-person, online or on Election Day?

Voter registration deadlines vary depending on the how the registration form is submitted. The following deadlines apply for the November 3, 2020 general election:³

- Online registration: Must be submitted by **October 14 2020**.
- Mail-in registration: Must be postmarked by **October 14, 2020**
- In-person registration at the voter's municipal clerk's office: **5:00 pm on October 30, 2020**
- Same-day registration: **7:00 am – 8:00 pm on November 3, 2020**

5. SAME DAY: Does my state have Same Day Registration (i.e. I can register to vote the same day I vote)? If so, what is the process?

Yes. Voters must provide proof of residence. See Question #3 for requirements.

6. PERMANENT MOVE: I have moved permanently and I didn't update my voter registration, can I vote?

Refer to the table below.

Moved within the same ward	Moved to a different ward⁴	Moved from another state to Wisconsin⁵	Moved from Wisconsin to another state⁶
<p>The voter should re-register to vote at the new address. Same day re-registration is available if the voter missed other voter registration deadlines.</p>	<p>If the voter moved at least 28 days before the election (<i>i.e.</i>, on or before October 6, 2020), the voter should register to vote at their new address.</p> <p>If the voter moved <i>within Wisconsin</i> on or after October 7, 2020, the voter may vote by absentee ballot or in person at the polling place for their former address.</p>	<p>A voter who moved from another state less than 28 days before the election (<i>i.e.</i> on or after October 7, 2020), may vote for the president and vice president but no other offices. Voters must complete a proscribed affidavit and request a presidential-only ballot from the municipal clerk (if registering in advance) or the polling place (if registering same-day).</p> <p>Voters may also wish to check whether they remain eligible to vote in their former state of residence.</p>	<p>Anyone who was (1) qualified to vote in Wisconsin but (2) moved within 24 months of the election (<i>i.e.</i> on or after November 3, 2018) and (3) is not eligible to vote in their new state of residence may complete a proscribed affidavit and request an absentee ballot for the presidential election from the municipal clerk.</p>

7. TEMPORARY MOVE: I have moved temporarily due to Covid-19 or some other reason. Where can I vote?

A temporary move due to Covid-19 or otherwise does not affect a voter's residence as long as they have an intent to return.⁷ Voters may vote by absentee ballot or at the polling place for their permanent residence.

8. STUDENT: I am a college student. Can I register to vote where I go to school? What if I am taking classes remotely? Where can I vote?

Student status is not a consideration in determining residency for purposes of establishing voter eligibility.⁸ Students must meet all generally-applicable eligibility requirements, including the 28-day residency requirement. A student who boards at their parent's residence in Wisconsin for part of the week, month or year may register to vote using their parent's residence. However, a student may also register to vote using any address they consider to be their residence for at least 28 consecutive days before an election.⁹ If students are living where their college is, including in dorms, they are also allowed to register and vote at their college address. Students may vote by absentee ballot or at the polling place for their residence.

9. LIVING ABROAD: I am living abroad and/or am serving in the military. How can I register and/or vote?

Military voters include the following categories of individuals: members of a uniformed service or the merchant marine; civilian employees of the United States and civilians officially attached to a uniformed service who are serving outside the United States; Peace Corps volunteers; and Spouses and dependents of the above categories. Military voters may request an absentee ballot as follows:

- Online at <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-US/VoteAbsentee>;
- By completing a Federal Post Card Application (“FCPA”) and mailing, faxing, or emailing it to their municipal clerk; or
- By notifying their municipal clerk in writing (by mail, email or fax) that they are a military voter and requesting an absentee ballot.

Although military voters are exempt from voter registration requirements,¹⁰ they still need to provide information similar to that required for voter registration in order to ensure they receive the correct ballot. Requests for regular absentee ballots must be received by **5:00 pm on October 30, 2020**.¹¹ Military voters who miss the deadline to request a regular absentee ballot may submit a request to vote absentee until **5:00 pm on Election Day (November 3, 2020)** and use a federal write-in absentee ballot.¹² The regular absentee ballot or federal write-in absentee ballot must be received by **8:00 p.m. on November 3, 2020**.¹³

Overseas voters may register to vote by using one of the methods described above (see Question #2, #3) or by submitting a Federal Post Card Application (“FCPA”). An FCPA serves as both a registration form and an absentee ballot request. Voters who are abroad temporarily must provide proof of residency, but permanent overseas voters (who do not intend to return to Wisconsin) do not need to provide proof of residency.¹⁴ Overseas voters must comply with the registration deadlines described above (see Question #3). Requests for absentee ballots may be made using one of the methods described below (see Question #19, #20, #21) or by submitting an FCPA. The request must be received by **5:00 pm on October 29, 2020**.¹⁵ If the voter requests an absentee ballot by the deadline but does not receive it in time to vote, the voter may submit a federal write-in absentee ballot.¹⁶ The regular absentee ballot or federal write-in absentee ballot must be received by **8:00 p.m. on November 3, 2020**.¹⁷

10. CRIMINAL CONVICTION: I have a criminal conviction. Can I vote?

If you have been convicted of a misdemeanor (unless that is misdemeanor bribery or treason), you are still eligible to vote by absentee ballot using the address where you lived immediately prior to incarceration.

If you have been convicted of a felony, or misdemeanor bribery or treason, you are not eligible to vote until you have completed your sentence (including any extended supervision, probation or parole).¹⁸ Your rights are restored as soon as you complete your sentence. You must re-register to vote but do not need additional documentation establishing that you have completed your sentence.

11. INCARCERATED: I am currently in jail. Can I vote?

If you are in jail for a misdemeanor, or awaiting trial, you are still eligible to vote by absentee ballot using the address where you lived immediately prior to incarceration. If you are in jail for a felony, bribery or treason conviction, you are not eligible to vote. See Question #10.

12. NOT ON ROLLS AT POLLING PLACE: I am at my polling place and am not on the voter registration roll. Can I vote where I am?

Voters may vote only at their assigned polling place (or the polling place assigned to the address where they live).¹⁹ However, a person who is at their correct polling place for their address may submit same-day voter registration and vote. See Question #2, #3, #4.

13. THOUGHT WAS REGISTERED: My name isn't on the voter registration roll but I thought I was registered. Could it have been removed? What do I do?

The most common reason a name isn't on a registration list is that the voter is in the incorrect polling place. However, if a voter is not on the rolls at the polling place, they may have been removed from the rolls. A voter may be removed from the list of registered voters if they register in another state, territory or possession.²⁰

Voters should be reminded that any voter may register (or re-register) to vote on election day at their polling place if they have resided in the ward for 28 days or more, and can show Proof of Residence. See Questions #2, #3, #4. If they have resided in the ward for less than 28 days, they may have to vote in a different polling place. See Question #6.

Note that you can take steps to help to determine why a voter's name is not popping up on the list of registered voters:

- Check the voter's registration status using the registration lookup tool to make sure he/she is registered to vote and at the right place. (See [Question #1](#).)
- Has the voter moved recently? Could they be registered at an old address? Check that address in the registration lookup tool. (See [Question #1](#) and [Question #6](#).)
- Has the voter changed their name recently, or could they be registered under a different name? Check that name (and any variations of the voter's name, especially for hyphenated names, which sometimes trip up databases) in the registration lookup tool. (See [Question #1](#).)
- When/where did the voter register to vote? Was that before the deadline for online or mail registration?

HOW TO VOTE: EARLY VOTING

14. AVAILABILITY: Is there early voting in my state (whether called early voting or in person absentee voting)? When is it?

Wisconsin allows early voting (also known as in-person absentee voting) at your local municipal clerk's office or other location designated by local officials.²¹ Each city, village and town in Wisconsin is responsible for setting the dates of in-person absentee voting for their municipality, but in-person absentee voting may not occur more than two weeks before an election.²² To find the dates and hours for in-person absentee voting where you live, contact your municipal clerk.

15. ELIGIBILITY: Do I have to have a reason to vote early?

No. Any voter may vote by in-person absentee voting for any reason.²³

16. WHEN: When do the polls open/close during early voting?

Each city, village and town in Wisconsin is responsible for setting the dates of in-person absentee voting for their municipality, but in-person absentee voting may not occur more than two weeks before an election. To find the dates and hours for in-person absentee voting where you live, contact your municipal clerk.

17. WHERE: Where do I vote during early voting?

Voters may vote in-person absentee at their municipal clerk's office or another designated location for in-person absentee voting. To find the dates and hours for in-person absentee voting where you live, contact your municipal clerk.

18. IDENTIFICATION: What identification is required for early voting? Can I vote without providing identification?

Wisconsin voters are required to bring a **photo identification** to vote in person on Election Day or to cast an in-person absentee ballot at a municipal clerk's office, or in most cases to apply for an absentee ballot by mail.²⁴ The list of acceptable IDs include the following:²⁵

- A Wisconsin driver license or identification card that is unexpired, or that expired after the date of the most recent general election (November 6, 2018). Voters may also use a Wisconsin driver license or identification card without a photo issued under the religious exemption.
- An ID issued by a U.S. uniformed service that is unexpired, or that expired after November 6, 2018.
- A U.S. passport that is unexpired, or that expired after November 6, 2018.
- A certificate of naturalization that was issued on or after November 3, 2018.
- An identification card issued by a federally-recognized Native American tribe in Wisconsin (regardless of expiration date).
- An ID issued by a Wisconsin accredited university or college that contains date of issuance, signature of student, and an expiration date no later than two years after date of issuance. If the ID expired before **November 3, 2020**, the ID must be accompanied by a separate document that proves current enrollment.
- A veteran's photo ID card issued by the Veterans Health Administration.
- An unexpired Wisconsin driver license or unexpired Wisconsin identification card receipt.
- A Wisconsin temporary identification card receipt issued through the Identification Petition Process (which voters who apply for an ID card at DMV, but do not have documents like birth certificates, receive).

The address on the identification does not need to be current (this is one of the most common points of confusion for poll workers and voters), and the name on the ID doesn't need to be an exact match for the name in the poll book.²⁶

HOW TO VOTE: ABSENTEE AND/OR VOTE BY MAIL

19. AUTOMATIC: Do I have to request an absentee ballot or will my state mail me one automatically? How do I request one?

Voters must request an absentee ballot. The request can be made as follows:

- Online at <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/VoteAbsentee>.
- By e-mailing, mailing or faxing a request to their municipal clerk. The request should include (1) the voter's full name, (2) Wisconsin voting address, (3) the specific election (*i.e.* November 3, 2020 general election) or calendar year for which the voter wishes an absentee ballot; and (4) mailing address.
- By e-mailing, mailing or faxing an absentee ballot application (available at <http://elections.wi.gov/publications/brochures/absentee-voting>) to their municipal clerk.
- In-person at their municipal clerk's office.

Voters who (1) request an absentee ballot online at <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/VoteAbsentee> or (2) have previously voted absentee and provided proof of identification with that ballot do not need to include a copy of identification.²⁷ All other voters must include a copy of proof of identification with the request.²⁸ The list of acceptable IDs include the following:²⁹

- A Wisconsin driver license or identification card that is unexpired, or that expired after the date of the most recent general election (November 6, 2018). Voters may also use a Wisconsin driver license or identification card without a photo issued under the religious exemption.
- An ID issued by a U.S. uniformed service that is unexpired, or that expired after November 6, 2018.
- A U.S. passport that is unexpired, or that expired after November 6, 2018.
- A certificate of naturalization that was issued on or after November 3, 2018.
- An identification card issued by a federally-recognized Native American tribe in Wisconsin (regardless of expiration date).
- An ID issued by a Wisconsin accredited university or college that contains date of issuance, signature of student, and an expiration date no later than two years after date of issuance. If the ID expired before **November 3, 2020**, the ID must be accompanied by a separate document that proves current enrollment.
- A veteran's photo ID card issued by the Veterans Health Administration.
- An unexpired Wisconsin driver license or unexpired Wisconsin identification card receipt.
- A Wisconsin temporary identification card receipt issued through the Identification Petition Process (which voters who apply for an ID card at DMV, but do not have documents like birth certificates, receive).

20. APPLICATION DEADLINE: What is the deadline for requesting an absentee ballot?

Requests submitted online, by mail or by fax must be received by **5:00 pm on October 29, 2020**; however, we are **strongly urging** voters not to wait that long. While that is the technical legal deadline, there is a strong possibility that requests submitted that late will not be able to be processed and have it mailed to the voter in time for the voter to receive the ballot and vote it on Election Day. **VOTERS SHOULD REQUEST THEIR ABSENTEE BALLOTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.** Requests submitted in-person must be made by **November 1, 2020**.

21. APPLICATION RETURN: Where and/or how can I return my absentee ballot application? Can someone return it for me?

Absentee ballot applications may be completed online, or returned by e-mail, mail, fax or in-person to the voter's municipal clerk. See Question #19. Wisconsin provides that a hospitalized voter may apply for and obtain an absentee ballot by agent,³⁰ and guidance issued by the Wisconsin Elections Commission indicates that a Power of Attorney may request an absentee ballot for a voter.³¹ The state otherwise does not explicitly permit or prohibit returning an absentee ballot application for another voter.

22. DIDN'T REQUEST IN TIME: What if I have not requested an absentee ballot by the deadline?

A voter who misses the deadline to request an absentee ballot may vote in person on Election Day.

23. ELIGIBILITY: Do I have to have a specific reason for requesting to vote by absentee ballot?

No. Any voter may request an absentee ballot.³²

24. STATUS OF APPLICATION AND/OR BALLOT: How can I check the status of my application and/or absentee ballot?

Voters may track the status of their absentee ballot request and absentee ballot online at <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/TrackMyBallot>.

25. APPLICATION AND/OR BALLOT REJECTED: I learned my absentee ballot application and/or ballot was rejected. What can I do to fix any errors or get another one?

Voters should contact their municipal clerk if their absentee ballot application and/or ballot is rejected. Municipal clerks may, but are not required to, return the ballot to the voter for correction.³³ Alternatively, the voter can request to "spoil" and correct their ballot at the clerk's office by the Thursday before the election (i.e. October 29, 2020).

If the application and/or ballot is missing a voter's signature or witness signature/address, the voter can correct the ballot on Election Day **only** if the voter goes with the original witness to the polling place (or absentee ballot location) to correct the certificate envelope. For more information about the cure process, please see the information starting at the bottom of page 98 (page 100 of the pdf) of Wisconsin's election administration manual: <https://elections.wi.gov/sites/elections.wi.gov/files/2020-09/Election%20Administration%20Manual%20%282020-09%29.pdf>

26. COMPLETING BALLOT: How do I complete the absentee ballot? Are there any identification requirements?

Absentee ballots must be voted in the presence of an adult witness. The witness must be (1) at least 18 years old and (2) a U.S. citizen (except that a witness for a military or overseas voter need not be a U.S. citizen).³⁴

The voter should comply with all of the following requirements:

- Show the witness the unmarked ballot;
- Mark the ballot in the presence of the witness and no other person. The voter does not need to show the witness the voter's choices;
- Refold the voted ballot and place it inside the return envelope; and
- Seal the envelope in the presence of the witness.

The voter must also fill out all of the required information included on the envelope, including:

- **Voter information** (unless already filled out by the municipal clerk). This section requires **all** of the following information:
 - Date of election;
 - County;
 - Municipality;
 - Voter's name (Last, First, Middle);
 - Street address (or rural route number and box number, if the voter has a rural address without a house number and street name);
 - City; and
 - Zip code
- **Sign and date the Certification of Voter**. Military and overseas voters must also provide their birth date.
- **Certification of Witness**. The witness must (1) sign the envelope and (2) provide their full address, including house number, street name, city, state and zip code.
- **Certification of Assistant** (if applicable). If the voter requires assistance in signing their name due to physical disability, the assistant must certify that they signed the voter's name at the direction and request of the voter.

Wisconsin imposes identification requirements when requesting an absentee ballot but does not impose further identification requirements when filling out or returning the absentee ballot.

The voter may return the completed ballot in one of the following ways:

- By mail;
- By dropping it off at the municipal clerk's office;
- By dropping it off at the voter's polling place or central count location;* or
- By dropping it off in an absentee ballot drop box (if available).

Uniform absentee ballot instructions are also available online at <https://elections.wi.gov/forms/voters-uniform-instructions>.

* **NOTE:** There are 35 municipalities in Wisconsin that use a central count location to count absentee ballots, including Milwaukee and Green Bay. Have voters contact their municipal clerk's office to determine where they should return their absentee ballot.

27. LOST OR SPOILED: What if I lost my absentee ballot or it is spoiled or I received an incorrect one?

The voter may return a spoiled or damaged absentee ballot to the municipal clerk and receive a new ballot.³⁵ Although Wisconsin law does not specifically address lost or incorrect absentee ballots, the voter should contact the municipal clerk to resolve any issues.

28. NON-RECEIPT OF BALLOT: What if I requested an absentee ballot but have not received it? Can I do anything?

Although Wisconsin law does not specifically address lost or incorrect absentee ballots, the voter should contact the municipal clerk to resolve any issues.

29. IN PERSON OPTION: What if I requested an absentee ballot but I want to vote in person on Election Day?

If you have obtained an absentee ballot but have not returned it, you may vote at the polling place on election day.³⁶ However, an elector who has completed and returned an absentee ballot is prohibited from voting at the polling place on election day *even if the ballot has not been received*.³⁷

30. BALLOT DEADLINES: What is the deadline for the ballot to be postmarked and/or received by, including dropping it off in person?

The following deadlines apply to absentee ballots:

- Absentee ballots returned in-person: Ballots must be received by the polling place no later than **8:00 pm on Election Day (November 3, 2020)**. Absentee ballots returned in-person to the municipal clerk's office or ballot drop box will be delivered to the relevant polling place.³⁸
- Absentee ballots returned by mail: Ballots must be received by **November 3, 2020 at 8 p.m.**³⁹

31. BALLOT DROP OFF LOCATIONS: What are the locations for dropping off a completed ballot (instead of mailing it)?

Each city, village and town in Wisconsin is responsible for setting locations for absentee ballot drop boxes. To find the locations for absentee ballot drop boxes where you live, contact your municipal clerk.

32. ASSISTANCE DROPPING OFF: Can someone drop off my completed ballot for me?

Yes. A voter can have someone else drop off their ballot for them, there is no extra steps that are needed.⁴⁰

33. IN PERSON ABSENTEE: Where do I vote in-person absentee?

Voters may vote in-person absentee at their municipal clerk's office or another designated location for in-person absentee voting. To find the dates and hours for in-person absentee voting where you live, contact your municipal clerk.

HOW TO VOTE: ELECTION DAY

34. HOURS: When do the polls open and close on Election Day? What if the polls are closing but I'm in line?

Polls must be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm on Election Day. Any voter in line at the time the polls officially close must be permitted to vote.⁴¹

***Note to hotline volunteer:** If you learn that a polling place prohibits those who were in line by the time the polls closed from voting, advise voters to stay at the polling location and contact your hotline captain immediately.

35. POLLING LOCATION: Where do I vote on Election Day?

Voters must vote at the polling place assigned for their address. Voters may look up polling place information online at <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-US/FindMyPollingPlace> or by calling their municipal clerk.

If a voter has moved recently and has not updated their voter registration, refer to [Questions #6 and 7](#).

***Note to hotline volunteer:** Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, many polling places have been moved or consolidated. Voters should contact their county clerk to ensure they are going to the correct polling place.

36. IDENTIFICATION: What identification is required to vote on Election Day? Can I vote without providing identification?

No. Wisconsin voters must provide proof of identification to vote.⁴² The identification must (1) conform to the voter's name on the voter registration list and (2) contain a photograph that reasonably resembles the voter.⁴³ The list of acceptable IDs include the following:⁴⁴

- A Wisconsin driver license or identification card that is unexpired, or that expired after the date of the most recent general election (November 6, 2018). Voters may also use a Wisconsin driver license or identification card without a photo issued under the religious exemption.
- An ID issued by a U.S. uniformed service that is unexpired, or that expired after November 6, 2018.
- A U.S. passport that is unexpired, or that expired after November 6, 2018.
- A certificate of naturalization that was issued on or after November 3, 2018.
- An identification card issued by a federally-recognized Native American tribe in Wisconsin (regardless of expiration date).

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- An ID issued by a Wisconsin accredited university or college that contains date of issuance, signature of student, and an expiration date no later than two years after date of issuance. If the ID expired before **November 3, 2020**, the ID must be accompanied by a separate document that proves current enrollment.
- A veteran's photo ID card issued by the Veterans Health Administration.
- An unexpired Wisconsin driver license or unexpired Wisconsin identification card receipt.
- A Wisconsin temporary identification card receipt issued through the Identification Petition Process (which voters who apply for an ID card at DMV, but do not have documents like birth certificates, receive).

POLLING PLACE ISSUES

37. POLLING PLACE NOT OPEN: The polling place is not open. What do I do?

Polls must be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm on Election Day.⁴⁵ If a polling place is not open on time or closes prematurely, stay at the polling place.

***Note to hotline volunteer:** If you learn of a polling place not opening on time or is closed, notify your hotline captain immediately.

38. LONG LINES: There are long lines at the polling place. What do I do? What if the polls are closing while I'm in line?

See Question 34 for answer if voter is in line when polls are closing.

***Note to hotline volunteer:** If you learn of long lines, notify your hotline captain immediately.

39. EQUIPMENT FAILURE: What should I do if there are equipment problems at my ward?

Voters should immediately notify the election officers if the voting equipment breaks down. Voters should be advised that sometimes the optical scan machines do break down but if ballots are stored in the secure compartment on the side of the machine until the machine is fixed that is acceptable. If the problem cannot be fixed in a timely manner, a voter should ask if a substitute paper ballot is available.⁴⁶

***Note to hotline volunteer:** If you learn of equipment not working properly at a polling place, notify your hotline captain immediately.

40. NO PPE/COVID: What if my polling place is not enforcing COVID-19 precautions or has run out of supplies?

Poll workers should be using public health measures designed to keep everyone safe, including by wearing face coverings. Voters will also be asked to maintain social distancing; use hand sanitizer or wash their hands before voting; and keep interactions with poll workers and other voters as brief as possible. Voters may also wish to bring their own blue or black pen, face covering, and hand sanitizer in case the polling place runs out of supplies.

However, voters should be aware that public health orders do not apply to voters. Voters are highly encouraged, but not required, to wear face coverings.

Any voter who is immunocompromised, was exposed to or has symptoms of COVID-19, or has a disability must be allowed to curbside vote.

41. EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE: I don't know how to use the voting equipment. Can I get help?

Yes. Any voter may request assistance on how to vote (*except* from their employer, an agent of the employer, or an officer or agent of the voter's union) or may request a paper ballot, if the municipality is using a voting machine.⁴⁷

After you have marked your ballot, the person helping you must then sign the ballot in the space provided. Also, the election workers will write the name of your assistor on the voting list. Your assistor does not need to be qualified to vote.

42. PHYSICAL DISABILITY: I have a physical disability and need assistance. Will my polling place be accessible?

Each polling place must be accessible to all individuals with disabilities, and voting systems must permit all individuals to vote without the need for assistance and with the same degree of privacy accorded to nondisabled voters.⁴⁸ Alternatively, individuals who are disabled may choose to be assisted by anyone of their choosing (except the voter's employer, agent of the voter's employer, or an officer or agent of a labor organization representing the voter).⁴⁹

In addition, curbside voting is available for voters who cannot enter the polling place due to disability (which includes being immunocompromised, as well as being exposed to or having symptoms of COVID-19).⁵⁰ The polling place may have signs outside with a phone number, specific parking spots for curbside voting, or a greeter stationed outside to initiate curbside voting.

43. READING/LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE: I am blind, have a physical disability, or cannot read English and require assistance in order to vote. Can I get assistance at the polls?

Individuals who cannot read or write, or who have difficulty reading, writing or understanding English, or who are physically disabled, may choose to be assisted by anyone of their choosing (except the voter's employer, agent of the voter's employer, or an officer or agent of a labor organization representing the voter).⁵¹

44. CURBSIDE VOTING: When can I request curbside voting?

Curbside voting is available for voters who cannot enter the polling place due to disability (which includes being immunocompromised, as well as being exposed to or having symptoms of COVID-19).⁵² The polling place may have signs outside with a phone number, specific parking spots for curbside voting, or a greeter stationed outside to initiate curbside voting.

45. CAMPAIGNING: What rules apply to people campaigning or “hanging around” my polling place? Can people approach me?

No person may engage in electioneering at a polling place on election day, or on any public property within 100 feet of the entrance to a building containing a polling place on election day.⁵³ Thus, for example, if the place is in a school gym, there is no electioneering within 100 feet of any entrance to the school building and not just the gym.

46. CHALLENGES: Someone is formally challenging my vote. What do I do?

Under very limited circumstances, your right to vote may be formally challenged. These challenges must follow strict guidelines and must not be used for intimidating or to discourage voting. If you believe you have the right to vote and the procedures are followed, you should be allowed to vote.

A voter’s right to cast their ballot may be challenged for cause by (1) an election inspector or (2) another voter who ***knows or suspects*** that the voter being challenged is not qualified to vote.⁵⁴ **The challenge must be based on personal knowledge.** Cause for challenge includes the following grounds:⁵⁵

- The voter is not a U.S. citizen;
- The voter is not 18 or older;
- The voter has not resided in the election district for at least 28 days;
- The voter has a felony conviction and has not been restored to civil rights;
- The voter has been adjudged incompetent;
- The voter has bet or wagered on the election; or
- The voter has previously voted in the same election.

If the challenge is made by another voter instead of an inspector, the challenging voter must be administered an oath and asked questions to determine why they believe the challenged voter is not qualified to vote.⁵⁶ No voter may be disqualified unless the challenger demonstrates beyond a reasonable doubt that the person does not qualify as a voter or is not properly registered.⁵⁷

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A voter who is challenged will be administered the following oath: “You do solemnly swear (or affirm) that you will fully and truly answer all questions put to you regarding your place of residence and qualifications as an elector of this election.”⁵⁸ A voter may only be asked the following questions, as appropriate based on the nature of the challenge:⁵⁹

- Are you a United States Citizen?
- Are you at least 18 years of age?
- For at least the 10 days before this election, have you resided in, or been a resident of, the ward or election district from which you seek to vote?
- Are you currently disqualified from voting for any of the following reasons:
 - 1. A felony conviction for which you are still serving probation or are on parole or extended supervision?
 - 2. A judge's ruling that you are incapable of voting?
 - 3. Having made a bet or wager on this election?
 - 4. Having voted previously in this election?

No other questions may be asked of the voter. If the voter refuses to take the oath or to answer the questions, they will not be issued a ballot.⁶⁰

The challenger may withdraw their challenge. If the challenger does not withdraw the challenge, an inspector must administer the following additional oath to the challenged voter: “You do solemnly swear (or affirm) that: you are 18 years of age; you are a citizen of the United States; you are now and for 28 consecutive days have been a resident of this ward except under [s. 6.02\(2\)](#); you have not voted at this election; you have not made any bet or wager or become directly or indirectly interested in any bet or wager depending upon the result of this election; you are not on any other ground disqualified to vote at this election”⁶¹ If the challenged voter (1) fully answers all relevant questions, (2) provides answers indicating they meet the voting qualification requirements, (3) takes the oath or affirmation, and (4) fulfills the applicable registration requirements, they must be allowed to vote.

Challenges are documented by poll workers.⁶² Challenges may be reviewed by the Board of Canvassers during vote counting.

47. POLICE/MILITARY PRESENCE: There are police/members of the military at the polling place. Is this okay? What do I do?

While Wisconsin law states that for the City of Milwaukee, the chief of police shall station a police officer at polling places designated by the municipal board of election commissioners, it is unclear whether this requires a police officer at every polling place or only the polling places requested by the commission.⁶³ However, no person may personally, or through an agent, make use of or threaten to make use of force, violence, or restraint in order to induce or compel any person to vote or refrain from voting.⁶⁴

***Note to hotline volunteer:** If you learn of police/members of the military or any other individual seeking to intimidate or otherwise obstruct voters at the polling place, notify your hotline captain immediately.

48. PROVISIONAL BALLOT: I have been offered a provisional ballot. What should I do?

Inquire why the voter was offered a provisional ballot. A registered voter who is unable or unwilling to provide proof of identification (see Question #36) may be given a provisional ballot. The provisional ballot **will not count unless** the voter (a) provides proof of identification (voter photo ID) to poll workers prior to **8:00 pm on Election Day** or (b) provides proof of identification (voter photo ID) to the municipal clerk's office prior to **4:00 pm on November 6, 2020**.⁶⁵

A voter who is not registered but can provide proof of residence should be permitted to register and vote a regular ballot because Wisconsin allows same-day registration (as long as the voter also has a valid voter photo ID). A voter who is not registered and who lacks proof of residence may not register and may not vote – not even a provisional ballot. A provisional ballot may NOT be used when a voter is at the wrong polling place. Instead, direct the voter to the correct polling place.

A provisional ballot is to be used when the voter is registered (or is able to register) but lacks the required photo identification to vote, but as above the voter does not have the required photo ID. Such voters should also be informed that if they lack acceptable voter ID, they can get free ID at the Wisconsin DMV even if they lack documents such as a birth certificate, and encouraged to go to the DMV right away so they can get the ID in time to cure the ballot by the deadline listed above.

https://elections.wi.gov/sites/elections.wi.gov/files/publication/137/idpp_palm_card_10_14_2016_pdf_15855.pdf

QUESTIONS

49. Who should I contact if I have questions about any of the above?

Voters should contact their municipal clerk (**NOTE:** This is not the voter's county clerk). Contact information is available at <https://elections.wi.gov/clerks/directory>. Alternatively, voters may contact the Wisconsin Elections Commission at 1-866-VOTE-WIS, elections@wi.gov, or Wisconsin Elections Commission, P.O. Box 7984, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7984.

¹ <https://elections.wi.gov/node/7039>.

² Wis. Stat. § 6.34; *see also* Wisconsin Voter Registration Application Form EL-131, available at <https://elections.wi.gov/forms/el-131-fillable>.

³ <https://elections.wi.gov/node/7039>.

⁴ Wis. Stat. §§ 6.10(3), 6.85(2).

⁵ Wis. Stat. § 6.15; *see also*

https://elections.wi.gov/sites/default/files/gab_forms/4/el_141_new_wi_resident_application_for_presidentialia_55596.pdf.

⁶ Wis. Stat. § 6.18.

⁷ Wis. Stat. §§ 6.10(5), 6.10(8).

⁸ Wis. Stat. § 6.10(12).

⁹ Wis. Stat. § 6.10(4).

¹⁰ Wis. Stat. § 6.22(3).

¹¹ Wis. Stat. § 6.22(4)(b).

¹² Wis. Stat. § 6.86(1)(b).

¹³ <https://elections.wi.gov/node/7039>.

¹⁴ Wis. Stat. § 6.34.

¹⁵ Wis. Stat. § 6.86(1)(b).

¹⁶ Wis. Stat. § 6.25(b).

¹⁷ <https://elections.wi.gov/node/7039>.

¹⁸ Wis. Stat. §§ 6.03(b), 304.078(23).

¹⁹ Wis. Stat. § 6.77.

²⁰ Wis. Stat. § 6.36(1)(d).

²¹ Wis. Stat. § 6.855; *see also* <https://elections.wi.gov/voters/absentee>.

²² Wis. Stat. § 6.86(1)(b).

²³ Wis. Stat. § 6.85(1).

²⁴ Wis. Stat. § 6.86(1)(ar).

²⁵ Wis. Stat. §§ 5.02(6m); 5.02(16c); *see also* <https://bringit.wi.gov/do-i-have-right-photo-id>.

²⁶ *See* <https://bringit.wi.gov/do-i-have-right-photo-id>.

²⁷ Wis. Stat. 6.87(3).

²⁸ Wis. Stat. § 6.87(1); *see also* <https://elections.wi.gov/voters/absentee>.

²⁹ Wis. Stat. §§ 5.02(6m); 5.02(16c); *see also* <https://bringit.wi.gov/do-i-have-right-photo-id>.

³⁰ Wis. Stat. § 6.86(3).

³¹ *See* <https://elections.wi.gov/node/95>.

³² Wis. Stat. § 6.20.

³³ Wis. Stat. § 6.87(9).

³⁴ Wis. Stat. § 6.87; *see also* <https://elections.wi.gov/forms/voters-uniform-instructions>.

³⁵ Wis. Stat. § 6.86(5).

³⁶ *See* Wisconsin Uniform Absentee Ballot Instructions, available at <https://elections.wi.gov/forms/voters-uniform-instructions>.

³⁷ Wis. Stat. § 6.86(6).

³⁸ Wis. Stat. § 6.87(6).

³⁹ <https://elections.wi.gov/node/7039>.

⁴⁰ Note there is no provision in the Wisconsin election code that specifically addresses that, but a conversation with a WEC official provided this answer. *See also* this article that states the WEC rejected a request to specifically prohibit this. <https://wtop.com/government/2020/06/wisconsin-panel-gives-final-approval-on-absentee-ballots/>.

- ⁴¹ Wis. Stat. 6.78.
- ⁴² Wis. Stat. § 6.87(1); *see also* <https://elections.wi.gov/voters/absentee>.
- ⁴³ Wis. Stat. § 6.79(2)(a).
- ⁴⁴ Wis. Stat. §§ 5.02(6m); 5.02(16c); *see also* <https://bringit.wi.gov/do-i-have-right-photo-id>.
- ⁴⁵ Wis. Stat. § 6.78.
- ⁴⁶ Wis. Stat. § 7.15(6).
- ⁴⁷ Wis. Stat. § 6.82; 52 U.S.C.A. § 10508.
- ⁴⁸ Wis. Stat. § 5.25(4)(a).
- ⁴⁹ Wis. Stat. § 6.82(1)(a).
- ⁵⁰ Wis. Stat. § 6.82(1); *see also* COVID-19 Information For Voters, available at <https://elections.wi.gov/covid-19>.
- ⁵¹ Wis. Stat. § 6.82(1)(a).
- ⁵² Wis. Stat. § 6.82(1); *see also* COVID-19 Information For Voters, available at <https://elections.wi.gov/covid-19>.
- ⁵³ Wis. Stat. § 12.03.
- ⁵⁴ Wis. Stat. §§ 6.92, 6.925.
- ⁵⁵ Wis. Stat. §§ 6.94, 6.935; Wis. Admin. Code EL 9.01. Although Wisconsin law now imposes a 28-day residency requirement, *see* Wis. Stat. § 6.02(1), the administrative code still refers to the prior 10-day requirement.
- ⁵⁶ Wis. Stat. § 6.925; Wis. Admin. Code EL 9.02.
- ⁵⁷ Wis. Stat. § 6.325.
- ⁵⁸ Wis. Stat. §§ 6.92, 6.925; Wis. Admin. Code EL 9.01.
- ⁵⁹ Wis. Stat. §§ 6.92, 6.925; Wis. Admin. Code EL 9.01.
- ⁶⁰ Wis. Stat. § 6.94.
- ⁶¹ Wis. Stat. § 6.94.
- ⁶² Wis. Stat. § 6.95; Wis. Admin. Code EL 9.05.
- ⁶³ Wis. Stat. § 7.22.
- ⁶⁴ Wis. Stat. § 12.09.
- ⁶⁵ Wis. Stat. § 6.79.