1. **Registration**-closed on December 7, 2020. GA does not have same day registration.

2. **COVID-19 pandemic changes:**
   
a. **Polling place changes:** Contact the county registrar’s office to check for last minute changes HERE

b. **Polling Place protections**- Most counties will provide some level of protection from the COVID-19 virus to voters, including hand sanitizer, a stylus for use with the ballot marking device, social distancing and limitations on the number of voters inside of the poll at a time.
   - Encourage voters to wear masks, gloves and bring their own hand sanitizer
   - Some poll locations may be inside facilities which mandate the wearing of masks.
   - If a voter reports inadequate provision of protection, alert captain immediately for follow-up.

c. **Absentee voting changes:**

By law, the last day to request an absentee ballot is four days prior to an election. In this case, that deadline is January 1, 2021. However, most county registrars’ offices will not be open that day and, as a result, it is unlikely that voters who wait until the last day are unlikely to receive the ballot in time to return it by close of polls on election day.

Voters who have *not received* absentee ballots by Election Day can still vote in person, after completing a form at their polling site stating that they did not receive the absentee ballot.

Voters who *have received* absentee ballots, but do not have time to mail them have 3 options:
- Deliver the ballot to a drop box (if the voter’s county adopted drop boxes for the January 5th runoffs). Note that the voter must deposit their ballot in a drop box established by the county where the voter is registered. Voters cannot deposit absentee ballots in drop boxes outside of the county where they are registered to vote.
- Deliver the absentee ballot directly to their county registrar’s office by 7 p.m. on Election Day.
- Vote in person at the election day polling place, after submitting the absentee ballot to the poll worker to “cancel” it by 7 p.m. on Election Day.

Rules for delivery of absentee ballots to drop boxes, US mail, and registrar’s office are the same:
- If the voter is NOT disabled, an absentee ballot must be returned by the voter or the voter's mother, father, grandparent, aunt, uncle, brother, sister, spouse, son, daughter, niece, nephew, grandchild, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, or an individual residing in the voter’s household.
- If the voter IS disabled, the voter’s caretaker can return the ballot regardless of whether the caretaker is related to the voter or resides in the voter’s home. See FAQ # for incarcerated voters See FAQ # for hospitalized voters

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3. **Poll Schedule** - The polls must be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Eastern time, on Election Day. A voter in line at the polling place by 7:00 p.m. must be allowed to vote.

4. **Voter ID** - Georgia requires Photo ID in order to vote, except for some first time Georgia voters described below who can produce certain forms of non-photo ID.

   a. Acceptable forms of photo ID are: a Georgia driver’s license, even if expired; any valid state or federal government issued photo ID, including a valid driver’s license from another state or a free Voter ID Card issued by the voter’s county registrar or Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS); valid U.S. passport; valid employee photo ID from any branch, department, agency, or entity of the U.S. Government, Georgia, or any county, municipality, board, authority, or other entity of the state of Georgia (including IDs from certain Georgia public colleges, universities and technical colleges, but not from private colleges, universities or other private schools); valid U.S. military photo ID; and valid tribal photo ID.

   b. If the voter is a first time Georgia voter and registered by mail (including through a voter registration drive) or has been flagged as result of Georgia’s “exact match” voter registration process because the voter’s name, date of birth, Social Security or driver’s license number entered into the Georgia voter registration system does not exactly match that same information about the voter on file with the Georgia Department of Driver’s Services or Social Security administration, the voter will be required to produce one of the forms of photo ID described above or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of such elector.

   c. If a first time voter is in pending status because they were inaccurately flagged as a potential non-citizen as a result of the “exact match” voter registration process, the voter will be required to produce one of the acceptable forms of proof of citizenship to a poll manager, who will be present at the poll on Election Day and during early voting in order to cast a regular ballot. The voter also has the option of providing the proof of citizenship to their county registrar or deputy register when they request an absentee ballot or prior to Election Day to resolve the issue.

   d. A voter who does not present the required identification may vote a provisional ballot which shall be counted only if the registrars are able to verify current and valid identification of the elector within three days of the election.
5. **Accessibility-** Each polling place must be accessible to elderly voters and to voters with disabilities. In elections with federal candidates on the ballot, such as the January 5th Congressional runoff elections, federal law requires that the county registrar ensure that polling places are accessible.

   a. Exceptions are allowed if all potential polling places have been surveyed, no accessible place is available, and the county or cannot make one temporarily accessible.

   b. In these cases, voters with disabilities must either be reassigned to an accessible polling place or provided another means for voting on election day, such as curbside voting or other alternatives.

   c. Urge voters with disabilities to contact their county registrar’s office in advance to determine whether their polling place is accessible and, if not, what alternative options exist for voters with disabilities.

   d. By law, voters who are 75 years or older or who are physically disabled and need assistance to vote, shall, upon request to a designated poll official, absentee ballot clerk, registrar or deputy registrar, be authorized to vote immediately at the next available voting compartment or booth without having to wait in line between the hours of 9:30 am and 4:30 pm.

6. **Assistance at the polls-** Any voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write, including limited English proficient voters who need language assistance, may be given assistance by a person of the voter’s choice, other than a candidate (or his or her family member), the voter’s employer or agent of that employer or officer or agent of the voter’s union.

7. **(Free) Rides to the polls:** the People’s Agenda (a GA partner) is offering free rides to the polls. Click [here](#) to fill out an online request (we CAN fill out this form) or call 1-877-524-8683. If you request a ride for someone please make sure they have the People’s Agenda’s phone number so they can follow up if necessary.

8. **If a voter has moved-**

   A) If a registered voter moved within the same county at any time prior to the election, they have the right to vote at the polling place of their old residence and update their voter registration information at that time.

   B) If a voter moved to a different county before the registration deadline (December 7, 2020), they must have registered to vote in their new county by that deadline in order to be eligible to vote in the January 5th runoffs.

   C) If a voter moved to a different county after the close of registration (December 7), the voter may vote one last time at the polling location for their prior residence and update their address information there.

9. **Mistake ballot-** If a voter makes a mistake or “spoils” their ballot, and has not cast the ballot, the voter has the right to receive a replacement ballot after returning the spoiled ballot. (both absentee and at the polling place)

10. **Polling place boundary-** Voters have the right to wait to vote (or to vote) without anyone electioneering or trying to influence their vote in any other way within 150 feet of the outer edge of the building in which the polls are located.

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*If you have any questions or need further information, please call the Election Protection Hotline at 1-866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683) or go to [www.866OurVote.org](http://www.866OurVote.org). For Spanish call 1-888-Ve-Y-Vota; for various Asian languages, call 1-888-API-VOTE; for Arabic, call 1-844-YALLA-US.*
11. **Voter intimidation is forbidden everywhere**, not just within the electioneering boundaries.

12. **Provisional ballots** - Inquire why the voter was offered a provisional ballot.
   a. Voters who vote after a Court order extended the closing time for a poll will be required to vote a provisional ballot. In those instances, unless the voter is also voting provisionally for another reason, the voter does not need to take any further action to make that ballot count.
   b. When a voter votes an emergency paper ballot (which may also be referred to as a “provisional ballot), those voters will not need to take any further action to ensure the vote is counted unless they are being required to vote a provisional ballot for other reasons.
   c. Except for these two instances, a voter should be offered a provisional ballot only when: the voter’s name does not appear on the list of registered electors; the voter does not have the required ID or proof of citizenship; or other similar situations in which the voter believes they are entitled to cast a ballot and their eligibility to vote is being challenged or questioned.
      i. If a voter voted a provisional ballot because their name did not appear on the list of registered voters in the precinct, the county registrar has up to three days after the election to determine if they were properly registered to vote in that election.
      ii. If a voter voted a provisional ballot because their eligibility to vote was challenged, including because a challenger or the county claimed the voter was not domiciled in Georgia), the voter will be required to produce proof of residency to their county registrar by close of business on January 8th or the ballot will not count.
      iii. If a voter voted a provisional ballot because they failed to produce required ID or proof of citizenship, the voter must present proper ID or proof of citizenship to the registrar’s office by close of business on January 8th or the provisional ballot will not count. If they were not eligible to vote in that election, they will be notified in writing. If they were eligible to vote but voted in the wrong precinct within their correct county, only the votes for candidates for which they were entitled to vote will be counted, and they will be notified in writing that their ballot was partially counted for the correct precinct.

13. **A provisional ballot should be a last resort** (except in the cases described above involving a Court ordered poll closing time extension or when an emergency ballot is issued due to a machine malfunction).

14. **Voting machine problems** -
   a. If a voter experiences problems with Georgia’s new voting machine equipment while attempting to vote, they should notify a poll official about the problem BEFORE they scan their ballot. Once the ballot is scanned, the voter is considered to have completed the voting process. Warn the voter *not to remove* their ballot from the room or area in the polling place where voting is taking place, because their ballot will be voided and will not be counted.
   b. If voting machine malfunctions are causing long lines and delays of 30 minutes or more, the voter should report the delay to poll officials and request an “emergency paper ballot” which may also be referred to as a “provisional ballot.” However, these ballots do not require any further post-election day action by the voter to make those ballots count, unless the voter was required to vote a provisional ballot for other
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