



COVID-19 Fact Sheet for Voters

Oregon is already a vote-by-mail state. Voting by mail is the safest way to cast your ballot and avoid COVID-19. The Oregon Secretary of State encourages all eligible voters to vote. To ensure Oregonians remain safe, the Oregon Health Authority advises the following:



Wear a mask when dropping off ballots at a ballot drop box or community mailbox.

- While you drop off your ballot, wear a mask to ensure the greatest possible protection from infection.
- If other voters are at the box at the same time, always maintain six feet of physical distance.



Take precautions if you must physically open a drop box or mailbox.

- While most drop boxes and mailboxes have slots that do not require touching, a few drop boxes and mailboxes do require touching the box to open it. In those cases, use a cloth or gloves to open the box and wash your hands after depositing the ballot.
- Use hand sanitizer right away, or wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds when you return home.



Using drop boxes or the US Mail is the preferred way to vote and postage is prepaid. If you do drop off your ballot in person at an election office, you must:

- Follow the rules and directions of the election office regarding spacing and direction of movement.
- Wear a mask.
- Remain at least six feet from election workers and other voters.
- Not make physical contact with workers or other voters.

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