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A Guide to Elections and Civic Participation in Nevada

**Everything you need to know about voting &
elections in Nevada**

Ways to Vote



Nevada makes it easy to vote. Whether you prefer to vote in person or via mail (absent ballot), voting is convenient and accommodates any schedule. Identification is not required but may be requested under certain circumstances. Go to the Secure Elections and Registration module for more information.

- Early voting for the 2020 Primary is **May 23, 2020 through June 5, 2020** and for the General Election, between **October 17, 2020 through October 30, 2020**. Voters may cast a ballot in person at any polling location within their county of residence. Polling locations are usually conveniently located in supermarkets, libraries, or other public locations. Most locations open early and remain open until early evening making it easy to vote on the way to or from work. Many locations are also open on either Saturday, Sunday or both. Forgot to register to vote or update your current registration? No problem. You can do that at polling location before casting a ballot.
- Absent voting – Going to be out of town during early voting or on Election Day? Perhaps you are too busy or just unable to go to the polls. Or you would rather vote from the comfort of your home, not being bothered with having to go to a specified location. In Nevada, you do not need a reason to vote absent. You can even submit a single request to vote absent for all elections. You can download the request form at this [link](#). Your request for an absent ballot must be received by the county elections office, for the Primary Election by **May 26, 2020** and must be returned to the county elections office postmarked no later than **June 9, 2020**. Absent requests for the General Election must be received by the elections office by **October 20, 2020** and must be returned to the county elections office postmarked no later than **November 3, 2020**. Once you receive your ballot:
 - Mark your choices
 - Place your marked ballot in the envelop provided
 - Sign and seal the envelop
 - Mail it to the county elections officer so that your ballot is postmarked by midnight election day
 - Personally, deliver it to the county elections office no later than close of business on election day

As with voter registration, some groups distribute forms to request absent ballots for you. If approached, or if you receive a request from such a group, do not use their service if it is less than six weeks prior to the election as there is no guarantee you will receive your ballot on time. These groups must include a statement on their forms that they do not represent the Secretary of State.

Election Day – As with early voting, on Election Day Clark and Washoe counties allow you to vote at any voting location in the county. Other counties may also allow this, but you will need to watch the newspapers or contact



the county election office to verify. Also, as with early voting, if you forgot to register to vote or update your registration, you will be able to do so at the polling location.

- Sample ballots – Each voter may elect to receive a sample ballot in the mail or through email that will list applicable races for each voter.
 - All partisan primary ballots will list applicable candidates along with all non-partisan races.
 - The non-partisan primary ballot will go to voters who register as either non-partisan or who register with a minor political party. The ballot will also list all non-partisan races.
 - General election ballots list all races and ballot initiatives

Some counties allow voters to request their sample ballot online. Check with your county election office to find out if your county provides this ability.

Sample ballots received in the mail include a barcode that allows poll workers to quickly find your information on the voter rolls. Sample ballots downloaded do not include the barcode. Voters using a downloaded sample ballot will have to give their name to the poll worker who will then enter the name manually.

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