

ELECTION 2020

LIVE VOTING RUNDOWN

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT IN-PERSON VOTING

MAKE SURE YOUR VOTE COUNTS THIS NOVEMBER

VOTE BY MAIL

Or you can...

VOTE ABSENTEE IN PERSON IN YOUR COUNTY

You may cast your absentee ballot in person at the county auditor's office in your county.

Remember to bring your ID!

REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT

Absentee ballot request forms have been mailed to active registered voters.

Remember:

- ☐ Follow the instructions
- ☐ Sign the application
- ☐ Return it by mail or deliver it to your county auditor's office.

Didn't get one or lost yours?

You can check the status of your absentee ballot request by using the Track Your Absentee Ballot app on the Iowa Secretary of State website: <https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/absenteeballotstatus/>

The last day to request an absentee ballot to be mailed is October 24 at 5:00 pm.

WAIT FOR YOUR BALLOT TO ARRIVE BY MAIL

Ballots will begin mailing October 5.

FILL OUT YOUR BALLOT, FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS THAT COME WITH IT

Remember to sign your affidavit envelope.

Votes cannot change once you've submitted a ballot.

If you request an absentee ballot and then decide to vote in person on Election Day, you will need to write "Not Voted" on your absentee ballot and surrender it at your correct polling place on Election Day.

Problem with your ballot?

Contact your county auditor's office as soon as possible.

RETURN BALLOT BY MAIL THROUGH U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

- ☐ Absentee ballots must be postmarked on or by November 2 and received in the county auditor's office by 12:00 p.m. noon on November 9 in order to be counted.

Or

RETURN BALLOT TO YOUR AUDITOR'S OFFICE

- ☐ You can deliver your absentee ballot to your county auditor's office until 9:00 p.m. on Election Day.

MAKE SURE YOU'RE REGISTERED TO VOTE

Check your registration, or register to vote, on the website of the Iowa Secretary of State's Office.

If you have moved or changed your name, you should update your registration.

If you are not registered, you have until October 24 to pre-register to vote, or you can register to vote on Election Day by providing proof of ID and residence at your correct polling place.

FIND YOUR POLLING PLACE

This may have changed and a few may change again.

Use the Find Your Precinct/Polling Place app on the Iowa Secretary of State website to learn where you can vote on Election Day: <https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterreg/pollingplace/search.aspx>

Contact your county auditor's office with any questions about your polling place.

VOTE AT YOUR POLLING PLACE BETWEEN 7 A.M. AND 9 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY

Social distancing and safety measures will be in use at the polling places. **Remember to bring your ID!**

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Election Day

Tuesday, Nov. 3. Iowa polls are open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Register to vote

In Iowa, there are several ways you can register to vote:

- Complete an Iowa voter registration form and return to your county auditor's office
- Register online: the link to register online can be found at the Iowa secretary of state's website. (You'll need a valid Iowa driver's license or non-operator's ID.)
- Register on election day

Registering on election day

To register to vote on Election day, you'll need to provide one form of ID at your polling place:

- Iowa driver's license or non-operator's ID
- Out-of-state driver's license or non-operator's ID
- U.S. passport
- U.S. military ID or non-operator's ID
- Employer-issued ID card
- Student ID issued by Iowa high school or college
- Tribal ID/document

ID doesn't state your current address?

You'll also need to provide proof of residence. This should include your name and current address and be current (within the last 45 days). Proof of residence can be in electronic format or on paper:

- Residential lease
- Utility bill (including cell phone)
- Bank statement
- Paycheck
- Government check
- Other government document
- Property tax statement (current within 45 days of final payment date)

Don't have an ID or residence? You'll need an attester.

Another registered voter from your precinct can attest for you.

Both of you will have to sign an oath swearing your statements are true.

Beware: to falsely attest or be attested for is registration fraud, a class D felony punishable by a fine of up to \$7,500 and up to 5 years in prison.

Bring ID when you arrive to vote

Remember your proof of current address if it isn't reflected on your ID.

More Election Day questions?

Contact your county auditor or visit sos.iowa.gov.

Don't have these with you at the polls?

Another voter at your precinct can attest for you, or you'll be offered a provisional ballot.

What's a provisional ballot?

Provisional ballots are used when:

- A person's voting qualifications are challenged
- A voter can't immediately prove their voting qualifications
- A voter requested an absentee ballot but didn't surrender it when they arrived to vote in person at their polling place.

When a voter is given a provisional ballot, they have until the time of the county canvass of votes to provide ID or other needed evidence to precinct election officials or the county auditor's office for the ballot to be counted.

Do I need to wear a mask?

Masks are not required at polling places but are strongly recommended. COVID-19 precautions are in place at polling sites and vary from county to county.

Curbside voting and other assistance

A voter who is physically unable to enter their polling place has the right to vote from their vehicle. One precinct election official from each political party will take the necessary voting materials out to the vehicle. Contact your county auditor's office, ideally in advance, if you plan to vote curbside, or if you would like more information.

More information is available in the Voting Accessibility section of the Iowa secretary of state's website. Information about assistance reading English on the ballot can also be found here.

Additionally, there are a number of options for voters with disabilities. For more information, contact your county auditor's office or visit <https://sos.iowa.gov/disabilities.html>.

Can I bring my kids?

Yes, children are allowed in a voting booth if accompanied by a parent or guardian.

What if I make a mistake on my ballot?

Tell a precinct election official. They'll have you "spoil" the ballot so it won't be counted and provide a new one. A voter can receive up to three ballots.



Do I get time off work to vote?

In Iowa, voters who don't have three consecutive hours when they don't need to be at work during polling place hours "are entitled to up to three hours off from work to vote," the Iowa secretary of state's website says. The voter must submit a written request to their employer prior to Election Day.

The employer will designate the time period the employee can be off work.

The employee can't be penalized or have deductions taken from their paycheck for their absence during this designated time.

Who can be a poll watcher?

A poll watcher must have official permission to be at a polling place on Election Day or in a room where ballots are counted before polls close. They must file a designation form with their county auditor prior to Election Day.

Can I wear campaign buttons, accessories or apparel to the polls?

- As a voter, yes.
- County auditor's office employees, election officials, poll watchers and observers at satellite voting locations cannot.

Don't loiter in or near a polling place

Voters must leave their polling places as soon as they are finished voting.

"Loitering in a polling place while wearing political items is considered electioneering," says the Iowa secretary of state's website. Iowa Code Section 39A.4 classifies electioneering as election misconduct in the third degree.

According to Iowa Code, this includes the polling place premises or a boundary of 300 feet from "an outside door of a building affording access to a hallway, corridor, stairway, or other means of reaching the room where the polls are held."

Voting Locations

For this election, please note that some polling places have been combined. Depending on your precinct, you may vote at a different polling place this election. If unsure about your voting location, contact your county auditor's office to confirm.

Cerro Gordo
Clear Lake Ward 1, Clear Lake Ward 2 Clear Lake City Hall: 15 N 6th St., Clear Lake
Clear Lake Ward 3, Lake/Lincoln Townships Cl. Church of Christ: 2010 14th Ave. N, Clear Lake
Clear Lake, Grant, Union Townships Ventura Community Center: 4 N Wiemer, Ventura
Falls Township--Plymouth Precinct, Falls Township--Rock Falls Precinct Plymouth City Hall: 616 Broad St., Plymouth
Geneseo Township Rockwell Community Center: 114 3rd St. N., Rockwell
Grimes Township--Meservey Precinct Meservey Fire Station: 428 1st St., Meservey
Grimes Township--Thornton Precinct Thornton City Hall: 404 Main St., Thornton
Portland/Owen/Dougherty Townships Hanford Church: 12411 Spruce Ave., Mason City
Mt. Vernon/PI Valley Townships Swaledale City Hall: 402 Main St., Swaledale
MC Ward 1 Precinct 2, Lime Creek/Mason N Highland Golf Course: 944 17th St. NE, Mason City
MC Ward 1 Precinct 3 Grace Evangelical Free Church: 440 N Illinois Ave., Mason City
MC Ward 2 Precinct 1, MC Ward 1 Precinct 1 Courthouse Boardroom: 220 N Washington Ave., Mason City
MC Ward 2 Precinct 2 First Presbyterian Church: 100 S Pierce Ave., Mason City
MC Ward 2 Precinct 3 Grace Methodist Church: 200 14th St. NW, Mason City
MC Ward 3 Precinct 1 Masonic Temple: 304 1st St. SE, Mason City
MC Ward 3 Precinct 2 MC School Administration Bldg: 1515 S Pennsylvania Ave., Mason City
MC Ward 3 Precinct 3 First Covenant Church: 411 S Ohio Ave., Mason City
MC Ward 4 Precinct 1 NIACOG: 525 6th St. SW, Mason City
MC Ward 4 Precinct 2, MC Ward 4 Precinct 3, Mason S/Bath Townships Precinct Rolling Acres Church: 341 19th St. SW, Mason City
Floyd
Charles City 1 Floyd County Courthouse: 101 S. Main St., Charles City
Charles City 2 Messiah Lutheran Church: 705 3rd Ave., Charles City
Charles City 3 Trinity United Methodist Church: 601 Milwaukee St., Charles City
Floyd/Cedar/Niles Floyd County Center: 706 Fairfield St., Floyd
Rudd/Rock Grove Nora Springs City Hall: 45 N. Hawkeye Ave., Nora Springs
Rockford/Ulster Rockford City Hall: 206 W Main Ave., Rockford
Scott/Union/Pleasant Grove Rockford City Hall: 206 W Maine Ave., Rockford
St. Charles/Riverton Floyd County Courthouse: 101 S Main St., Charles City
Franklin
Geneva/Ingham/East Mott (Cities of Geneva & Hansell, and Geneva, Ingham and East Mott Townships) Hansell Community Center: 112 N Main St., Hansell
Grant/Osceola (Portion of City of Ackley in Franklin County, Grant/Osceola Townships) Bradford Community Center: Main Street, Bradford
Hamilton/Lee/Reeve (Hamilton, Lee and Reeve Townships) Maynes Grove Shelter: 946 Hwy. 65, Hampton
Hampton 1, Hampton 2 (Hampton Wards 1 & 2) Franklin County Convention Center, 1008 Central Ave. W, Hampton
Hampton 3, Hampton 4, West Mott (Hampton Wards 3 & 4 and West Mott Township) Franklin County Convention Center, 1008 Central Ave. W, Hampton
Oakland/Morgan (Cities of Coulter, Popejoy and portion of Dows in Franklin County; Oakland and Morgan Townships) Coulter Community Center: 109 Main St., Coulter
Marion, Wisner/Scott (Cities of Alexander & Latimer and Marion, Wisner and Scott Townships) Latimer Community Center: 104 N Akir, Latimer
Richland/Ross/West Fork (City of Sheffield and Richland, Ross & West Fork Townships) Ridgestone Golf Club: 7 Brickyard Rd., Sheffield
Hancock
Precinct 1: All of Ellington and Madison Townships, Forest City Corporation in Hancock County Faith Lutheran Church (Miller): 1985 290th St., Garner
Precinct 2: All of Crystal Township, Crystal Lake Corporation Crystal Lake Town Hall: 225 S State Ave., Crystal Lake
Precinct 3: All of Bingham Township, Woden Corporation Woden Community Center: 208 Main, Woden
Precinct 4: All of Orthel, Britt, and Erin Townships, Britt Corporation Britt Municipal Building: 170 Main Ave. S, Britt
Precinct 5: All of Garfield Township Duncan Community Hall: 2337 Nation Ave., Britt
Precinct 6: All of Concord Township, Garner Corporation Garner Public Library: 416 State St., Garner
Precinct 7: All of Ell and Liberty Townships, Klemme Corporation Klemme City Hall: 204 E Main St., Klemme
Precinct 8: All of Boone and Magor Townships, Corwith Corporation Corwith Community Center: 110 Wayne St., Corwith
Precinct 9: All of Amsterdam and Twin Lake Townships, Kanawha Corporation Kanawha City Hall: 121 N Main St., Kanawha
All of Avery Township, Goodell Corporation Goodell Community Hall: 315 Broadway St., Goodell
Mitchell
Precinct numbers refer to Mitchell County's map of polling locations.
1 (City of Osage Ward 1), 12 (part of Osage precinct, part of West Lincoln) Our Savior's Church: 833 Ash St., Osage
2 (City of Osage Ward 2) Osage Public Library: 406 Main St., Osage
3 (City of Osage Ward 3), 10 (part of Cedar, part of Mitchell), 11 (part of Osage, part of Cedar) Mitchell County Courthouse: 212 S 5th St., Osage
4 (Osage Ward 4) Osage City Hall: 806 Main St., Osage
5 (Douglas, Burr Oak, East Lincoln, part of West Lincoln), 6 (Wayne, Jenkins, part of Liberty) Riceville City Hall: 123 W Main St., Riceville
7 (Union, Stacyville, part of Liberty) Stacyville Public Library: 105 N Broad St., Stacyville
8 (Otranto, Newburg, Rock), 9 (St. Ansgar, part of Mitchell) South Square: 202 S Washington St., St. Ansgar
Winnebago
Buffalo Grant Lincoln Heritage Town Center: 201 2nd Ave. SW, Buffalo Center
Forest City Ward 1 Titonka Savings Bank: 101 Hwy 69 N, Forest City
Forest City Ward 2 Calvary Baptist Church: 636 N Best St., Forest City
Forest City Ward 3 Senior Comm. Center: 125 N 7th St., Forest City
Forest City Ward 4 Immanuel Lutheran Church: 246 S Clark St., Forest City
Eden Logan Norway Scarville Community Center: 121 Main St., Scarville
King Linden Thompson Public Library: 102 Jackson St. N, Thompson
Newton Forest D1 Leland Community Center: 316 Walnut St., Leland
Center City of Lake Mills-Helgeson Civic Center: 105 W Main St., Lake Mills
Mount Valley Forest D2 Titonka Savings Bank: 101 Hwy 69 N, Forest City
Worth
Part of Deer Creek, Barton, and Union Townships Grafton Community Center: 202 6th Ave., Grafton
Lincoln Townships Manly City Hall: 106 S. Broadway St., Manly
Silver Lake and Bristol Township Bethany Lutheran Church: 201 Franke St., Joice
Brookfield and Kensett Townships Kensett Community Center: 300 Willow St., Kensett
Danville Township and City of Hanlontown Hanlontown Community Center: 214 Main St., Hanlontown
Fertile Township Fertile City Hall and Community Center: 3494 Eagle Ave., Fertile
Hartland, Grove, and Part of Deer Creek Township Worth County Fairgrounds Comm. Room: 1206 3rd Ave. N, Northwood

¹ This information was gathered from county auditors' offices in our coverage area and the Iowa secretary of state's website.