



2020 General Election: What you need to know

Absentee Voting

- Voters may request to have a ballot mailed to them.
 - Voters need to complete the State of Iowa Official Absentee Ballot Request Form.
 - This form can be found online at <https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/pdf/absenteeballotapp.pdf> or voters may call the Poweshiek County Auditor for the form (641-623-5443).
- The Poweshiek County Auditor **only needs one request form.**
 - Voters may receive multiple forms in the mail from various organizations/parties, but as long as they return one, that is all that is needed.
 - Voters can call or e-mail (meilander@poweshiekcounty.org) the Poweshiek County Auditor to confirm receipt of the request, if they wish.
- Absentee requests must be received in the Poweshiek County Auditor office by **Saturday, October 24, 2020** in order to receive a ballot by mail.
- Absentee ballots will be mailed beginning **October 5, 2020.**
- In-person voting at the Auditor's office will be held **October 5th through November 2nd.**
 - Office hours are Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 - The office will be open Saturday, October 24 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and also Saturday, October 31 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



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Ballots

- Voted absentee ballots may be returned to the Auditor's Office by placing in USPS with the postage paid envelope or by dropping the completed ballot sealed in the affidavit/return envelope to the Auditor's Office.
- Returned ballots must be postmarked by **Monday, November 2, 2020** and received in the Poweshiek County Auditor by **Monday, November 9, 2020** in order to be counted.
- First day the Poweshiek County Auditor can mail absentee ballots is **Monday, October 5, 2020**. The last day the Auditor can mail requested ballots is **Saturday, October 24, 2020**.
- The status of request/ballot may be tracked on the Secretary of State's website <https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/absenteeballotstatus/absentee/search>. Voters can enter their name and birthdate and this will tell them when their request was entered in system, when the ballot was mailed, and when the ballot was received by the Poweshiek County Auditor.



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Voter Registration

- The early voter registration deadline is **Saturday, October 24, 2020**. Voters registering after this date will be required to show proof of residency and identity.
- The voter registration form is online at <https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/pdf/voteapp.pdf> or you may call the County Auditor (641-623-5443) to request a form.
- You may register and vote on election day. To do so, you first must go to the correct polling place for your current address on election day.
 - If you are unsure of your polling place, go to: <https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterreg/pollingplace/search.aspx>.
 - At the polling place, you must prove who you are. You can do this with: (1) a valid Iowa driver's license with your current address printed on it, (2) an Iowa non-driver ID card, (3) an out-of-state driver's license or non-driver ID card, (4) a U.S. passport, (5) a U.S. military ID, (6) an ID card issued by employer, (7) a student ID issued by Iowa high school or college, or (8) a Tribal ID.
 - At the polling place, you must prove where you live. If your photo ID does not contain your current address, you may use another document to prove where you live if it contains your name and current address. The following are acceptable proofs of residence: (1) a residential lease, (2) a utility bill (including a cell phone bill), (3) a bank statement, (4) a paycheck, or (5) a government check or other government document.



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Polling Places

- Polls will be open on Election Day (**Tuesday, November 3, 2020**) for those wanting to vote in person. Polls are open 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Polling locations are as follows:
 - 1st Ward Grinnell – Elks Lodge (West Side)
 - 2nd Ward Grinnell – Elks Lodge (East Side)
 - 3rd Ward Grinnell – Poweshiek County Fairgrounds 4-H Bldg North End
 - 4th Ward Grinnell – Poweshiek County Fairgrounds 4-H Bldg North End
 - CGWS (Chester, Grant, Washington, Sugar Creek), Searsboro Town – Poweshiek County Fairgrounds 4-H Bldg South End
 - Malcom Town, MS (Malcom & Sheridan) – Michael J. Manatt Center, Brooklyn
 - Brooklyn Town, BMWJ (Bear Creek, Madison, Warren, Jefferson), Hartwick Town – Michael J. Manatt Center, Brooklyn
 - Deep River Town, Guernsey Town, DRL (Deep River, Lincoln) – Deep River Community Center, Deep River
 - Montezuma Town, JUPS (Jackson, Union, Pleasant, Scott) – Community Hope Church Fellowship Hall, Montezuma
- Voters will need to show ID at polls such as Iowa Driver's License, Iowa Non-Driver ID, Passport, Military ID, Veterans ID or Voter card with 4-digit PIN (voter will not receive 4-digit PIN unless they are not in the Iowa DOT system).