

2020 Wisconsin Voting Guide

It is resolved "that members, congregations, and synods of this church be encouraged to 'promote public life worthy of the name' by speaking out as an advocate and engaging in local efforts such as voter registration and supporting legislation to guarantee the right to vote to all citizens."

- ELCA Social Policy Resolution "Voting Rights to All Citizens"

General Voting Information

- You can vote in person from 7:00am to 8:00pm on Tuesday, November 3rd at your designated polling place.
 - o Find your designated polling place here.
- You must bring a Photo ID in order to vote. A list of qualifying Photo IDs can be found here.
- If voters do not want to vote in person, all eligible voters also have the option of voting using an absentee ballot or vote in-person absentee.
 - For more information, see our "Voting Absentee" and "Voting In-Person Absentee" sections below.
- Voters can register to vote online or by mail until October 14th, at the clerk's office until October 30th, or at their polling place on election day.
 - All voters must provide a proof of residency when registering to vote. Find qualifying proof of residency forms here.

Important Voting Deadlines:

- October 14th Last day for voters to register to vote by mail or online. After this date, voters must register at their Municipal Clerk's Office.
- October 17th LOPPW recommended deadline to request an Absentee Ballot.
- October 20th First day that Municipal Clerks are allowed to offer In Person Absentee Voting. *Note: This date differs by municipality.*
- October 25th LOPPW recommended deadline to mail in your Absentee Ballot.
- October 29th Official deadline to request an Absentee Ballot. However, ballots requested on this date will almost certainly will not be able to be sent, completed, and returned before the November 3rd deadline.
- October 30th Official last day to register to vote at your Municipal Clerk's Office.
- October 30th Last day to vote in person absentee in most municipalities.
- **November 1**st Official deadline to vote in person absentee. However, most municipalities have adopted an October 30th deadline.
- **November 3rd** Election day for in person voting. Polls open from 7:00am 8:00pm across the state.



Registering to Vote

- If you want to register to vote through mail, use the form <u>here</u>. You can also register online through MyVote's easy, online portal found <u>here</u>.
- For personal safety and to lower administrative burden on municipal clerks, LOPPW strongly recommends that all voters register online by the October 14th deadline.
- Voters can easily check their voter registration status online at https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/MyVoterInfo. LOPPW recommends that all voters check their registration status at least once before the October 14th deadline.
- Voters can register to vote at their municipal clerk's office until October 30th, but be sure to check municipal clerk hours and dates of operation.
- Finally, same-day registration is available to voters on Election Day at their designated polling station.
- However, you register to vote, you must have a photo ID that shows your current address. If your
 photo ID does not reflect your current address you must also present proof of residence. Find
 forms that can prove residency here.
 - o To register online, you must have a license that shows your current address.
 - You can also easily receive a new, eligible voter ID at your local DMV office, even if you do not have your birth certificate or social security number on hand. To find more information on how to receive a free ID for voting, follow the link here.

Voting in Person

- Voters who want to cast their ballot in person can do so at their designated polling place from 7:00am 8:00pm central time.
- If you are in line when the 8:00pm deadline passes, you are still allowed to vote and should stay in line.
- To find your polling place, use the following link and insert your home address as it is listed on your voter registration: https://myvote.wi.gov/en-US/FindMyPollingPlace.
- Give yourself ample time to be able to vote as line length is uncertain.
- You must bring a qualifying Photo I.D. to the polls to be able to vote. However, unlike when you register, your photo I.D. does not have to include your current address.
 - Common acceptable forms of I.D. include a valid Wisconsin Driver's License or a U.S. Passport. A full list of valid forms of identification can be found here: https://bringit.wi.gov/do-i-have-right-photo-id.



Voting with an Absentee Ballot

- If voters would like to vote by mail using an absentee ballot, LOPPW strongly recommends requesting that ballot *as soon as possible* to give your clerk plenty of time to send it to you.
 - O Absentee ballots requested after October 17th may result in delays that prevent you from mailing in your ballot by the recommended deadline (see LOPPW recommended deadline below). After October 17th, LOPPW recommends that voters vote in-person absentee to ensure their vote is counted.
- Request a mail in ballot <u>here</u>. We recommend using MyVote Wisconsin to request a ballot, but ballots can also be requested through your local city clerk using the form <u>here</u>.
- Complete the absentee ballot in the presence of a witness. Sign your name on the voting envelope
 and allow your witness to sign and give their full home address. Then place the folded ballot in
 the return envelope and seal. Complete the outside of the envelope.
 - Any U.S. citizen over the age of 18 who is not up for elected office can serve as a witness. A witness's signature and address are required for your vote to be counted.
 - Complete the ballot in its entirety and follow directions closely to prevent your ballot from being disqualified.
- To return your absentee ballot, you have a few options. You can:
 - Mail the ballot back by our Recommended October 25th deadline.
 - Drop it off at your municipal clerk's office.
 - Municipal Clerk addresses for Wisconsin's ten largest municipalities can be found in Appendix A. All other addresses can be found here.
 - O Drop off the ballot at a ballot drop box (if available). A list of Milwaukee & Madison Drop Off locations can be found in Appendix B. For possible drop box locations in your state, contact your municipal clerk's office.
 - O Bringing your ballot to your polling place or central location. Some municipalities allow ballots to be dropped off at the polling place up until 8:00pm on the day of the election. However, some require voters to drop of their ballots at a central location.
 - Municipalities that require drop-off at a central location can be found here. If your city uses a central count location, call you municipal clerk to receive the central count drop-off address.
 - Additionally, some municipalities may not allow voters to hand in their absentee ballot in person on election day. Check with your municipality before returning your ballot at your designated polling place.
- LOPPW recommends that voters mail their absentee ballots by October 25th to ensure that their ballot arrives by the November 3rd deadline. Ballots sent after this date may not reach your clerk's office in time, which results in your vote not being counted.



In-Person Absentee Voting (Early Voting)

In addition to voting in person on election day and mailing in your absentee ballot, Wisconsin voters can decide to vote in-person absentee. In-person absentee allows voters to vote in person but avoid the lines and crowds around election day by casting their ballot at their Municipal Clerk's office before the November 3rd election day. You do not need to request an absentee ballot in order to vote in-person absentee. Here is how you can easily vote in-person absentee:

- Locate your municipal clerk's office or in-person absentee Voting location. Information for inperson absentee voting locations for Wisconsin's ten largest municipalities is listed in Appendix
 Item A below. For all other counties, find your municipal clerk office here:
 https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/
- Check the dates and times available for in-person absentee voting. Most cities allow in-person absentee voting starting two weeks before the election, but this varies by municipality.
 - Available dates and times for Wisconsin's ten largest municipalities is listed as Appendix Item A. For all other counties, call your Municipal Clerk for available dates and times.
- Arrive to your designated in-person absentee polling location. Some larger cities may have
 various in-Person Absentee voting locations around the city, but smaller cities usually only allow
 voters to vote early at the municipal clerk's office.
- Make sure you have a *valid photo ID* with you whenever you go to vote. This could be an active Wisconsin Driver's License with your current home address or a U.S. Passport. A fully list of appropriate forms of identification can be found here.
- Request an In Person Absentee ballot at Municipal Clerk's office and complete the ballot in the
 office. You will sign the ballot envelope, and the clerk will sign as your witness. Then you will
 submit the ballot in the office.

Voting as a University or College Student

Voting as a university student is a particularly challenging and confusing experience. Students often have questions about whether they can vote at school or must vote absentee in their hometown. Below is a basic overview for Wisconsin post-secondary students. For a comprehensive guide for voting at each post-secondary institution, LOPPW highly recommends using the student guides from Wisconsin Conservation Voices, a nonpartisan voting rights group in Wisconsin. These guides can be found here.

- Establishing Residency. Students must establish residency for 28 days before they are eligible to
 vote in Wisconsin. This does not necessarily mean living in your residence for 28 consecutive
 days. For more information on establishing student residency, visit the Wisconsin Guide to
 Student Residency here.
- Overview to Registering to Vote. Students must register to vote by the same guidelines shown above. They can also register using the same methods described above. However, *students must also provide documentation proving their residency*.
 - Student ID's from your university will most likely not count as proper identification that proves residency. Some universities, such as UW-Madison, will administer voting ID



cards free of charge.

- o A list of valid ways to prove residency can be found <u>here</u>.
- We recommend visiting the nonpartisan <u>Conservation Voices' voting guide</u> for schoolspecific student registration information.
- Requesting an Absentee Ballot. Students can request an absentee ballot in the county that they are registered in. They can request a ballot using the same process described above, except they will need to prove their residency (see above).
- Voting In-Person Absentee (Early Voting). Students can vote early in whichever location they
 are registered. Whichever place they are registered to vote, they can follow the same process
 described above.
 - Note: Rules and guidelines may differ for out-of-state students. Check with your local municipality regarding rules and regulations for your home state.
- Where to vote on election day. A student who is registered to vote at a campus address and lives in that address must vote from that designated polling location. A student registered to vote at home but lives on campus may switch their registration by the October 14th deadline (October 30th for Municipal Clerk Registration) and vote at your university polling place.
 - Note: Rules and guidelines may differ for out-of-state students. Check with your local municipality regarding rules and regulations for your home state.
 - Just as in voter registration, students will need to bring a valid photo ID that also proves current residence. For a full list of ways students can prove residency at the polls, click the guide here.
 - For additional questions on what you need to vote as a post-secondary student, call 1-866-VOTE-WIS or call the nonpartisan League of Women Voters helpline at (608) 256-0827.

Frequently Asked Questions

When can I go vote on election day?

Polling places across the state will be open from 7:00am - 8:00pm.

If I am in line at 8:00pm, can I still vote?

At 8:00pm, a poll worker will verbally announce the closing of the polling location. Any person who is in line when this announcement is made will be allowed to vote.

Can I see what my ballot will look like?

Once the state of Wisconsin has finalized the ballot, voters can preview their ballot at https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/PreviewMyBallot.



What if I want to hand in my absentee ballot in person on election day?

Wisconsin voters can return their absentee ballots in person on election day. For most municipalities, absentee ballots will be collected at the polling location by 8:00pm on November 3rd. For some municipalities, including Milwaukee, absentee ballots will have to be dropped off at one, central location. If you plan to deliver your absentee ballot in person, first check the list here to see if you need to find your central count location. If your city is listed as having a central count location, call your municipal clerk to receive the address for the central location to drop off your ballot. If your municipality is not on the central count list, you may be able to bring your ballot to the polling location. While no law prevents a voter from returning their absentee ballot in person, some municipalities may have rules preventing this practice. Please check with your municipality in advance before bringing your absentee ballot to your polling location.

If I request and receive an absentee ballot, can I decide to vote in person or vote in-person absentee?

Voters who have requested an absentee ballot can vote in person or in-person absentee if they have not mailed in or otherwise returned their absentee ballot. Voters who have submitted their absentee ballot cannot vote. Additionally, your name will be earmarked on the voter rolls as someone who has requested an absentee ballot, so be prepared for questions regarding your requested absentee ballot. Voters may have to officially state that they did not submit the requested absentee ballot.

Who can request an absentee ballot?

The state of Wisconsin allows any registered, eligible voter the option of absentee ballot. No special circumstance or reason is needed to request an absentee ballot.

What if I am confined to my home, in quarantine, or otherwise unable to make a copy of my photo ID for absentee voting?

Electors who feel they are confined to their place of residence "because of age, physical illness, infirmity or disability," especially in light of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, can declare themselves as an Indefinitely Confined Elector on their absentee ballot application. As an Indefinitely Confined Elector, voters can request an absentee ballot and submit the ballot without providing proof of identification. For complete details about how to vote as an Indefinitely Confined Elector, follow the link here.

What if I am unable to have a witness sign my absentee ballot because of the coronavirus?

For individuals most at risk for Covid-19, those who live alone, or individuals who have contracted Covid-19, finding a witness to sign your absentee ballot during the pandemic can be difficult. Wisconsin requires that every absentee ballot have a witness's signature, with no exceptions. The Wisconsin Elections Commission has made the following recommendations for individuals to get their ballots witnessed during the Covd-19 pandemic.

- "A family member, friend or neighbor may watch the voter mark their ballot through a window, open door or other physical barrier.
- Other options for witnesses in these situations include, mail delivery persons, grocery or food delivery persons, and medical professionals.



- Spouses or roommates can always witness each other's ballots.
- This process can be done via video chat like Skype or Facetime with the ballot left outside of the door or in a mailbox for the witness to sign and provide their address after the fact. The ballot could even be mailed to the witness (who observed by video chat) after it is marked and sealed in the envelope so they can sign it.
- Voters may also be able to drive to a meet up spot to witness through their vehicle windows."

If I am a student from out of state, can I vote in Wisconsin?

Out-of-state students have unique challenges when trying to vote in the state of Wisconsin. We recommend all university students utilize a comprehensive source created by our friends at Conservation Voices, a nonpartisan voting rights group. This guide has resources and directions for students of any post-secondary Wisconsin institution. You can find this resource here.

What if I have other questions or concerns not covered by this voting guide?

For any other questions, we first recommend visiting http://myvote.wi.gov/, which is a voting site of the Wisconsin Elections Commission. Additionally, there are excellent nonpartisan voting organizations that have additional resources for voters. These include the following:

- League of Women Voters https://my.lwv.org/wisconsin/voter-information
- Common Cause Wisconsin https://www.commoncausewisconsin.org/p/voting-resources.html

Finally, LOPPW recommends contacting your municipal clerk or the Wisconsin State Elections Commission with any remaining questions.

- Wisconsin State Elections Commission 1-866-VOTE-WIS
- Municipal Clerk Directory https://elections.wi.gov/sites/elections.wi.gov/files/2020-08/WI%20Municipal%20Clerks%20Updated%208-7-20.pdf



Appendix A – Municipal Clerk Information

Milwaukee

- Municipal Clerk Address: 200 E Wells St, Room 501, Milwaukee, WI, 53202
- Phone Number: (414)286-3491
- Hours of Operation: Monday Friday, 8:00AM 4:45PM
- Voting Information Webpage: https://city.milwaukee.gov/election
- Mailing Address for Absentee Ballot Applications: 200 E Wells St. Room 501, Milwaukee, WI, 53202
- Dates Available for In Person Absentee Voting: October 20th November 1st.

Note: The city of Milwaukee has established In-Person Absentee voting locations across the city. For In Person Absentee locations and schedules, click the link here.

Note: Milwaukee also allows voters to register to vote via email. For full information, click here.

Madison

- Municipal Clerk Address: 210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd Room 103, Madison, WI, 53703
- Phone Number: (608)266-4601
- Hours of Operation: Monday Friday, 8:00AM 4:30PM
- Voting Information Webpage: https://www.cityofmadison.com/clerk/elections-voting
- Mailing Address for Absentee Ballot Applications: Same as Municipal Clerk Address
- Dates Available for In Person Absentee Voting: October 20th November 1st.

Note: The city of Madison has established In-Person Absentee voting locations across the city. For In Person Absentee locations and schedules, click the link here.

Note: Madison also allows voters to register to vote via email. For full information, click here.

Green Bay

- Municipal Clerk Address: 100 N Jefferson St., Room 106, Green Bay, WI, 54301.
- Phone Number: (920)448-3010
- Hours of Operation: Monday Friday, 8:00AM 4:30PM (By appointment only)
- Voting Information Webpage: https://greenbaywi.gov/655/Election-Information
- Mailing Address for Absentee Ballot Applications: Same as Municipal Clerk Address
- Dates Available for In Person Absentee Voting: October 20th October 31st.

Note: The city of Green Bay has established In-Person Absentee voting locations across the city. For In Person Absentee locations and schedules, click the link here.

Kenosha

- Municipal Clerk Address: 625 52nd St., Kenosha, WI, 53140
- Phone Number: (262)653-4021
- Hours of Operation: Monday Friday, 8:00AM 4:30PM



- Voting Information Webpage: https://www.kenosha.org/departments/city-clerk-treasurer/elections
- Mailing Address for Absentee Ballot Applications: See note below.
- Dates Available for In Person Absentee Voting: October 20th October 31st.

Note: In addition to voting at the Municipal Clerk's office, the city of Kenosha has established an additional In-Person Absentee voting location at the Civil War Museum. For full In-Person Absentee voting schedules, click the link here.

Note: Kenosha allows voters to request an absentee ballot online, by mail, or by email. If interested in submitting application by email or mail, click the link here for full information and application.

Racine

- Municipal Clerk Address: 730 Washington Ave, Room 103, Racine, WI, 53403
- Phone Number: (262)636-9171
- Hours of Operation: Monday Friday, 8:00AM 4:30PM
- Voting Information Webpage: https://www.cityofracine.org/elections/
- Mailing Address for Absentee Ballot Applications: Same as Municipal Clerk Address.
- Dates Available for In Person Absentee Voting: *Dates, locations, and times for in-person absentee voting will be posted <u>here</u> when made available.*

Appleton

- Municipal Clerk Address: 100 N Appleton St., Appleton, WI, 54911
- Phone Number: (920)832-6443
- Hours of Operation: Monday Friday, 8:00AM 4:30PM
- Voting Information Webpage: https://www.appleton.org/government/city-clerk/elections/voting-information
- Mailing Address for Absentee Ballot Applications: Same as Municipal Clerk Address
- Dates Available for In-Person Absentee Voting: *Dates, locations, and times for in-person absentee voting will be posted <u>here</u> when made available.*

Waukesha

- Municipal Clerk Address: 201 Delafield St., Waukesha, WI, 53188
- Phone Number: (262)524-3550
- Hours of Operation: Monday Friday, 8:00AM 4:30PM
- Voting Information Webpage: https://waukesha-wi.gov/251/Elections
- Mailing Address for Absentee Ballot Applications: See Note Below.
- Dates Available for In-Person Absentee Voting: weekdays, October 20th October 30th.

Note: Waukesha only allows voters to vote In-Person Absentee at the Municipal Garage, address 300 Sentry Drive, Waukesha, WI, 53186.

Note: Waukesha only allows voters to request an absentee ballot using the MyVote Wisconsin website.



OshKosh

- Municipal Clerk Address: 215 Church Ave, Oshkosh, WI, 54901
- Phone Number: (920)236-5000
- Hours of Operation: Monday Friday, 8:00AM 4:30PM
- Voting Information Webpage: https://www.ci.oshkosh.wi.us/CityClerk/Elections.aspx
- Mailing Address for Absentee Ballot Applications: Oshkosh City Clerk's Office, PO Box 1130, Oshkosh, WI, 54903
- Dates Available for In-Person Absentee Voting: weekdays, October 20th October 30th.

Note: OshKosh only allows voters to vote in-person absentee at their Municipal Clerk's Office.

Eau Claire

- Municipal Clerk Address: 203 S Farwell St., Eau Claire, WI, 54701
- Phone Number: (715)839-4913
- Hours of Operation: Monday Friday, 8:00AM 5:00PM
- Voting Information Webpage: https://www.eauclairewi.gov/government/our-divisions/elections
- Mailing Address for Absentee Ballot Applications: City Elections, 203 S. Farwell Street, Eau Claire, WI 54701
- Dates Available for In Person Absentee Voting: weekdays, October 20th October 30th.

Note: Eau Claire offerings in-person absentee voting in the city hall parking lot, 203 S Farwell St, for Eau Claire residents. They also provide extended hours for in-person absentee voting. For full information, click here.

Janesville

- Municipal Clerk Address: 18 N Jackson St., Janesville, WI, 53548
- Phone Number: (608)755-3070
- Hours of Operation: Monday Friday, 7:30AM 4:30PM
- Voting Information Webpage: https://www.ci.janesville.wi.us/government/departments-divisions/clerk-treasurer-office/election-and-voter-information
- Mailing Address for Absentee Ballot Applications: City of Janesville, City Clerk's Office, PO Box 5005, Janesville, WI, 53547
- Dates Available for In Person Absentee Voting: weekdays, October 20th October 30th.

Note: Janesville only offers In Person Absentee voting at the City Hall first floor garage, 18 N Jackson St. Enter from Wall St. Entrance between 7:30AM – 4:30PM.



Appendix B - Milwaukee & Madison Ballot Drop-Off Locations

Milwaukee

Ballot drop boxes will be open 24 hours/7 days a week until 8pm on Election Day.

- Atkinson Library, 1960 W Atkinson Ave
- Bay View Library, 2566 S Kinnickinnic Ave
- Capitol Library, 3969 N 74th St
- Center Street Library, 2727 W Fond du Lac Ave
- Central Library, 814 W Wisconsin Ave
- City Hall Complex, 200 E Wells Street (on east side Market St, between City Hall and Zeidler)
- East Library, 2320 N Cramer St
- Election Commission Warehouse, 1901 S Kinnickinnic Ave
- Good Hope Library, 7715 W Good Hope Rd
- Martin Luther King Library, 310 W Locust St
- Mitchell Street Library, 906 W Historic Mitchell St
- Tippecanoe Library, 3912 S Howell Ave
- Villard Square Library, 5190 N 35th St
- Washington Park Library, 2121 N Sherman Blvd
- Zablocki Library, 3501 W Oklahoma Ave

Madison

Locations open October 20th-31st, 12 a.m. - 6 p.m. weekdays, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Saturdays unless otherwise stated. Locations without a listed schedule can look for availability updates here.

- City Clerk's Office, 210 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd Weekdays, September 22nd November 2nd, 8 a.m. 4:30 p.m.
- Goodman South Madison Library, 2222 S. Park Street
- Lakeview Library, 2845 N. Sherman Avenue
- Meadowridge Library, 5726 Raymond Road
- Pinney Library, 516 Cottage Grove Road
- Hawthorne Library, 2707 E. Washington Avenue
- Alicia Ashman Library, 733 N High Point Road
 By appointment only (call 266-4601 at least 24 hours in advance to make an appointment)
- Sequoya Library, 4340 Tokay Boulevard
- Madison College Truax Campus, 1701 Pearson St.

Hours of Operation currently unavailable.



- Madison College South Campus, 2429 Perry Street Far west side of parking lot Hours of Operation currently unavailable.
- Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 5701 Raymond Road *Hours of Operation currently unavailable.*
- Lake Edge UCC & Christ the Solid Rock Church, 4200 Buckeye Road *Hours of Operation currently unavailable.*
- Penn Park, 2101 Fisher Street

 Hours of Operation currently unavailable.
- Reindahl Park, 1818 Portage Road
 Hours of Operation currently unavailable.
- Elver Park, 1250 McKenna Boulevard Hours of Operation currently unavailable.
- Edgewood College, Wingra Commons in Predolin Hall *Hours of Operation currently unavailable.*
- UW-Madison Tent on Library Mall, 717 Langdon Street Hours of Operation currently unavailable.
- UW-Madison Tent on Engineering Mall, 1538 Engineering Drive *Hours of Operation currently unavailable.*
- UW-Madison Tent on Grassy Area East of UW Natatorium, 2000 Observatory Drive

Hours of Operation currently unavailable.

- UW-Madison Tent Outside Kohl Center, 601 W Dayton Street Hours of Operation currently unavailable.
- UW-Madison Union South, 1308 W. Dayton Street Hours of Operation currently unavailable.
- UW-Madison Memorial Union, 800 Langdon Street Hours of Operation currently unavailable.
- UW-Madison Student Activity Center, 333 E. Campus Mall *Hours of Operation currently unavailable.*
- UW-Madison Health Services Learning Center, 750 Highland Avenue Hours of Operation currently unavailable.
- Central Library, 201 W. Mifflin Street Hours of Operation currently unavailable.
- **Library Dream Bus** The Library Dream Bus will serve as a mobile absentee ballot drop box. For information about the Dream Bus's location and availability, click the link <u>here</u>.