Essentials of Voting During the Pandemic
OCTOBER 5
LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE

OCTOBER 13
FIRST DAY OF EARLY VOTING IN PERSON

OCTOBER 23
LAST DAY TO APPLY FOR A BALLOT BY MAIL (RECEIVED, NOT POSTMARKED)

NOVEMBER 3
ELECTION DAY
El Paso Matters

Voter Registration & Turnout by Age Group

Number of People

- Under 30
- 30-44
- 45-64
- 65+

2016 Registered, 2016 Voters, 2018 Registered, 2018 Turnout
El Paso voters by age through 4 days of early voting

- Age range: 18-24, 25-39, 40-49, 50-64, 65+, Under 30, Over 80
- Count: 1140, 2527, 2355, 3157, 6938, 2340, 1059

El Paso Matters
REGISTER TO VOTE

VOTER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

All voters in Texas MUST be:

- United States Citizen
- Resident of Texas (NOTE: Must provide physical address to register--not P.O. Box)
- 18 years old or older (NOTE: Persons 17 years 10 months or older can register to vote, however they cannot vote until they turn 18 years old)
- NOT a convicted felon OR have completed all terms of sentence including probation or parole
- NOT found by a court to be so mentally incapacitated as to be unable to vote.

IMPORTANT NOTE: IF YOU CHANGE YOUR NAME OR MOVE TO A NEW ADDRESS, YOU MUST UPDATE YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION BY COMPLETING A NEW VOTER REGISTRATION CARD.
Voter Registration Options

● Fill out your postage-paid Voter Registration Application online
  ○ Print, sign, and mail directly to El Paso County Elections office
  ○ epcountyvotes.com

● Request a postage-paid Voter Registration Form
  ○ Application will be mailed to you
  ○ epcountyvotes.com

● Visit local El Paso County Voter Registrar

● In person:
  ○ U.S. Post Offices
  ○ Department of Public Safety Offices
  ○ El Paso Public Libraries
  ○ Texas Health and Human Services Commission Offices
  ○ Any local high school
HOW TO MAIL VOTER REGISTRATION FORM TO EL PASO COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE

1. In the back of the form there is a line in the middle that states "Fold on line and seal before mailing" in small letters. Fold in along that line.

2. On the top of the form there is a line that states "Fold on line and seal before mailing" in small letters. Fold in along that line. Use the adhesive along the edge to seal the form.

3. Front Back

4. This is how each side should look.

Place the folded form in your mailbox. There is no need for a stamp. In approximately 3-4 weeks you should receive a document from the El Paso County Election office with your information. Make sure that the information is correct.
EARLY VOTING

Tuesday, October 13th - Friday, October 30th

There will be thirty early voting sites across El Paso County in the twenty-twenty election. See the full list by going to epcountyvotes.com and clicking on the 'Early Voting' button.

From October 26th through October 30th, some of the most popular locations, including Bassett Place and the Marty Robbins Rec Center, will be offering extended hours with voting open as late as 10 p.m. every night that week.
Early Voting

- 35 locations across El Paso County
- Saturday and Sunday Voting 12 PM - 5 PM both weekends
- 10 locations open until 10 PM last week of early voting: October 26-30
  - Arlington Park Shelter
  - Bassett Place
  - El Paso County Coliseum
  - El Paso County Eastside Annex
  - El Paso County Northwest Annex
  - Marty Robbins Recreation Center
  - Officer David Ortiz Recreation Center
  - Oz Glaze Senior Center
  - Pebble Hills High School
  - Sunland Park Mall
ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, November 3rd from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Remember to bring a photo ID!

This year, El Paso County will be debuting 'vote centers' with one hundred and fifty voting locations planned from Anthony to Hueco Tanks, Transmountain to Tornillo. Unlike past elections, you can vote at any of these locations on Election Day.

You can see the full list by going to epcountyvotes.com and clicking on the 'where do I vote' button.

IMPORTANT NOTE: IF YOU ARE IN LINE TO VOTE BY 7 PM ON ELECTION DAY, YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO VOTE. THE POLLS WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL THE LAST PERSON IN LINE AT THAT TIME HAS VOTED.
VOTER ID

To be able to vote, you must present one of the following:

- Texas driver’s license
- Texas personal I-D card
- Texas handgun license
- U.S. citizenship certificate with photo
- U.S. military I-D card with photo
- U.S. passport--either book or card
- Texas election I-D certificate.

If you are under 70 years old, you may still present an ID expired up to four years. If you are 70 and older, ID will work no matter when it expired.

IMPORTANT NOTE: IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ONE OF THESE FORMS OF PHOTO ID, YOU CAN GET A TEXAS ELECTION ID BY GOING TO A DPS DRIVER LICENSE OFFICE. YOU WILL NEED TO BRING DOCUMENTS PROVING YOUR CITIZENSHIP AND YOUR IDENTITY. THESE CERTIFICATES ARE FREE AND ARE VALID FOR SIX YEARS. MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT DPS.TEXAS.GOV/DRIVERLICENSE/ELECTIONID.HTM
Election Day - November 3, 2020

- Countywide Polling Place (Vote Center Program)
- Voters will have 150 locations to choose from on Election Day
  - Maintained most precinct polling sites and added high traffic early voting sites
- Similar to early voting
- Locator and voter wait times will be available on mobile application and website
- Curbside voting available at all locations
  - Express Curbside available at same sites as early voting
Express Curbside Locations

- All sites will have curbside option
- Best to call El Paso County Elections Dept. beforehand - (915) 546-2154
- Locations with additional staff outside voting location exclusively for curbside voting
  - Arlington Park
  - Bassett Place
  - El Paso County Coliseum
  - Marty Robbins Recreation Center
  - Officer David Ortiz Recreation Center
  - Oz Glaze Senior Center
  - Sunland Park Mall
November 3, 2020 General Election

- New system purchased in 2019- Ballot Marking Device
- Producing results in 3 formats
  - Tabulation
  - PDF imaging
  - Paper
- Straight ticket voting no longer available
  - Voters must mark each race separately
  - Voters are allowed to premark a sample ballot and take to polling site
  - MAKE A VOTING PLAN!
FPCA Form

- Option for U.S. citizens that live in Juarez
- Use your last address that you had in the U.S.
- Fill out the pdf version and turn it in ASAP!
- For further questions:
  - Rep. Veronica Escobar
  - JOLT organizers
  - El Paso County Elections Office
  - Texas Civil Rights Project
VOTING BY MAIL

To qualify you must be one of the following:
- 65 years or older
- In jail, but otherwise eligible to vote (not convicted of a felony)
- Be out of the county on election day of the entire early voting period

IMPORTANT NOTE: VULNERABILITY TO COVID-19 DOES NOT QUALIFY A PERSON FOR BALLOT-BY-MAIL VOTING.

TO APPLY TO VOTE BY MAIL:

Send a letter to the Early Voting Clerk at
500 E. San Antonio, Suite 314
El Paso, Texas 79901

The letter should have:
- Name
- Mailing address
- Election date (i.e. November 3, 2020)
- Reason for eligibility
- Your signature OR signature of a witness

Applications to vote by mail must be received by October 23rd.
The County Elections Office will begin mailing out ballots on September 25th to those that applied.

**Deadline for ballot by mail votes is November 3rd by 7 p.m.** If the ballot is postmarked as mailed by this deadline, it will be accepted if received by the County Elections Office by the end of the next day.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: RETURN YOUR BALLOT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE POST OFFICE EXPECTS A SEVEN-TO-TEN DAY MAILING PERIOD FOR BALLOTS. IF YOU MAIL YOUR BALLOT IN WITHIN 10 DAYS OR LESS OF ELECTION DAY, CONSIDER TAKING IT TO A POST OFFICE TO HAVE IT POSTMARKED.**

Dropping off ballot (Optional):
- Take to El Paso County Elections Office (500 E. San Antonio, Suite 314, El Paso, Texas 79901)
- Bring a photo ID
- You can only bring your own ballot; you cannot deliver a ballot on behalf of any other voter.

If you decide you would rather vote early in-person or on Election Day, bring your ballot-by-mail with you to the polling place and surrender it.
Ballot by Mail Frequently Asked Questions

● **When can I expect to receive my ballot?**  
  ○ Ballots will be mailed September 25, 2020. You should receive your ballot within 7 days of requesting it.

● **When do I have to return my ballot?**  
  ○ Return your ballot as soon as possible. The United States Post Office is anticipating a 7-10 day mailing period for ballots. Ballots must be received in the El Paso County Election’s Office by 7 PM on November 3, 2020 (Election Day; If a ballot has a readable postmark prior to 7 PM on Election Day, their office can accept if received by close of business on the day after Election Day)

● **What will it cost to mail my ballot?**  
  ○ $0.70 postage for the returned Ballot; City of Socorro Ballot Postage at $1.40
Ballot by Mail Frequently Asked Questions

● **What if I change my mind and want to vote in person after I request my ballot?**
  ○ If you decide that you want to vote in person, you must bring the ballot to the polling place and surrender it. If you no longer have the ballot, you will be required to vote a provisional ballot.

● **What will the ballot look like?**
  ○ The ballot will arrive in a green envelope marked official election mail
Ballot by Mail Frequently Asked Questions

- Where can I drop off the ballot?
  
  El Paso County Courthouse
  
  500 E. San Antonio St.
  
  First Floor
  
  Eastside Off of Campbell

- How can I verify that my ballot has been received by the El Paso County Election’s Office?
  
  - Beginning September 28, 2020, you can call the El Paso County Election’s Office at (915) 834-8222 to confirm that they have received your ballot. The USPS advises that the return process may take 7-10 days.
VOTING SAFELY IN THE TIME OF COVID-19

- **Wear a mask:** If everyone wears a mask, the risk of spread should be close to zero.

- **Keep your distance:** Take advantage of early voting to avoid any lines that may form on Election Day. If you do end up in line, try to stay six feet apart from people outside your household.

- **Wash your hands:** If you can, use a q-tip with the voting machine, and wash your hands, or use hand sanitizer after voting.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** IF YOU ARE PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE, OR ARE SICK, AND FEEL LIKE YOU CAN'T GO INTO A POLLING PLACE WITHOUT RISKING YOUR HEALTH, CALL THE EL PASO COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE AT (915) 546-2154 TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CURBSIDE VOTING IN THE PRIVACY OF YOUR CAR.
Precautions and Prevention

- **Social Distancing**
  - Poll workers will be maintaining a six foot separation from each voter when possible. Poll workers will also mark each location with six foot markings for voters to follow.

- **Masks**
  - You are encouraged to wear one and bring your own if possible. However, a limited number of disposable masks will be available on site. Each poll worker will be provided with a disposable mask as well as a disinfected face shield.

- **Vote Safe El Paso Kit**
  - Each voter will be given a kit with hand wipes, disposable marking utensil, finger cot, and “I VOTED” sticker

- **Clean Team**
  - Each polling site will have additional personnel specifically responsible for sanitizing the polling sites throughout the day
WHY VOTE?

• Whatever you believe, vote your values on the issues you care about.

• Remember, voting isn't about you—it's about all of us. **When you vote you cast your ballot for your family, your friends, your community, and your country.** Even if you're not sure your vote makes an impact, know that if the whole community votes it can change the world.

• Lastly, voting isn't the only part of civic participation or politics. If you care about an issue, stay active by joining a community group or running for office yourself. **Voting is one important step, but it is not the only step.**
MAKE A PLAN

- **Where:** Find the voting location most convenient for you. Keep in mind that in early voting AND Election Day you can vote anywhere.

- **When:** Decide if you want to vote early (October 13th through October 30th) or on Election day (November 3rd).

- **How:** Plan how you are going to get to the polling place (i.e. drive, walk, bus, etc.)

- **Who:** Figure out if you are going to go by yourself or if there is a friend or relative wants to go vote with you or if they need a ride.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** YOU CAN SIGN UP FOR REMINDERS AS WE GET CLOSER TO THE ELECTION BY GOING TO MEXENEX.ORG/VOTE
Voter Information Resources

- **2020 Election: What You Need To Know To Vote Virtual Conversation**
  - Congressman Escobar’s YouTube Channel
  - El Paso Elections Administrator - Lisa Wise

- **Information Guides:**
  - Epcountyvotes.com
  - votetexas.gov
  - knowmyballot.org
  - vote411.org
  - powerthepolls.org
  - vote.org
  - campusvoteproject.org
  - vote.gov
  - Standard Form 76 - Voter Registration and Absentee Ballot Request - Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)