



Voting Information for November 2026

Thanks for visiting this section of my website. This page has two sections. The first answers your questions about how to vote in Chester or Berks County. The second addresses the concerns I've heard from our community about election security.

Chester County Voting Frequently Asked Questions

How can I find out if I'm registered to vote?

Pennsylvania's State Department is responsible for managing the state's voter rolls. You can check your status [online](#).

Can I still register to vote?

October 19 is the last day to register in order to cast a ballot in the upcoming election. You can do that [online](#) or in person at the Chester County Government Services Center or one of the temporary satellite offices (click [here](#) for locations and hours of operation).

I'm a registered Independent, can I vote in this election?

Yes. If you are a U.S. citizen who is at least 18 years old, you are eligible to vote.

I'm registered to vote but my name or address changed since the last time I voted. Does that matter?

Yes, you'll need to update your registration, and October 19 is the last day to do that in order to cast a ballot in the upcoming election. You can do that [online](#) or in person at the Chester County Government Services Center or one of the temporary satellite offices (click [here](#) for locations and hours of operation).

Can I vote before November 3?

You'll need to request a mail/absentee ballot, even if you don't plan to mail it in, no later than 5PM on October 27. You can do that [online](#) or, as long as you are a resident of Chester County, in person at the Chester County Government Services Center or one of the temporary satellite offices (click [here](#) for locations and hours of operation). Once you have your ballot, you can put it in one of 13 secure drop boxes in the county which are available

every day until the end of the election (click [here](#) for hours and locations). Ballot drop boxes in Chester County are only for Chester County residents.

Can I save a trip and give my ballot to a friend who is driving to a ballot drop box for her to deliver?

No. Each person can turn in only their own ballot. If you are disabled, click [here](#) for instructions on how to enable someone else to deliver your ballot.

Can't I just put my ballot in the mail?

Your ballot must be received by Chester County Voter Services no later than 8PM on November 3 to be counted. Given the possibility of lost or delayed mail, we recommend that you deliver your ballot directly to one of 13 secure drop boxes in the county which are available every day until the end of the election (click [here](#) for hours and locations).

If I want to vote in person on November 3, where do I do that?

Six polling locations in Chester County have changed for this election while the overwhelming majority are the same as last time. Click [here](#) to locate where you vote. Polls will be open from 7AM to 8PM. As long as you are in line by 8PM, you'll be able to vote.

Do I need to show ID to vote? If it's your first time voting at a new polling place, yes. If you've voted at that location before, no. If your polling location is one of the six moving to a new spot this year, but you voted at the previous location (and you didn't need to update your voter registration due to an address or name change), you do not need to show ID. Click [here](#) for approved forms of ID.

I received a mail/absentee ballot but changed my mind – can I vote instead in person?

Yes, just return your ballot to be voided. Click [here](#) for more information.

What can I do if I requested but still haven't received my mail/absentee ballot? You can cancel the request and apply for a new one [online](#) or in person at the Chester County Government Services Center or one of the temporary satellite offices (click [here](#) for locations and hours of operation).

I would like to be more involved. Can I help work the polls on November 3? No, Chester County Voter Services has all the poll workers they need.

I have a question not addressed here. What should I do? Please visit Voter Services [online](#), in person (601 Westtown Road), or call them at 610-344-6410.

Berks County Voting Frequently Asked Questions

How can I find out if I'm registered to vote?

Pennsylvania's State Department is responsible for managing the state's voter rolls. You can check your status [online](#).

Can I still register to vote?

October 19 is the last day to register in order to cast a ballot in the upcoming election. You can do that [online](#), at the Berks County Office of Election Services (633 Court Street), or other selected government agencies (click [here](#) for that).

I'm a registered Independent, can I vote in this election?

Yes. If you are a U.S. citizen who is at least 18 years old, you are eligible to vote.

I'm registered to vote but my name or address changed since the last time I voted. Does that matter?

Yes, you'll need to update your registration, and October 19 is the last day to do that in order to cast a ballot in the upcoming election. You can do that [online](#) or at the Berks County Office of Election Services (633 Court Street).

Can I vote before November 3?

You'll need to request a mail/absentee ballot, even if you don't plan to mail it in, no later than 5PM on October 27. You can do that [online](#) or, as long as you are a resident of Berks County, in person at the Berks County Office of Election Services (633 Court Street). Once you have your ballot, starting on October 19, you can put it in one of the three secure ballot drop box locations: Reading Regional Airport, Berks County South Campus, or the Office of Election Services. Click [here](#) for address and hours of operation. Ballot drop boxes in Berks County are only for Berks County residents.

Can I save a trip and give my ballot to a friend who is driving to a ballot drop box for her to deliver?

No. Each person can turn in only their own ballot. If you are disabled, click [here](#) for instructions on how to enable someone else to deliver your ballot.

Can't I just put my ballot in the mail?

Your ballot must be received by the Berks County Office of Election Services no later than 8PM on November 3 to be counted. Given the possibility of lost or delayed mail, we recommend that you deliver your ballot directly to one of three secure drop boxes in the county which are available every day until the end of the election (click [here](#) for hours and locations).

Where do I vote in person on November 3?

Click [here](#) to locate where you vote. Polls will be open from 7AM to 8PM. As long as you are in line by 8PM, you'll be able to vote.

Do I need to show ID to vote? If it's your first time voting at a new polling place, yes. If you've voted at that location before, no. Click [here](#) for approved forms of ID.

I received a mail/absentee ballot but changed my mind – can I vote instead in person?

Yes, please call the Berks County Office of Election Services at 610-478-6490 for more information on how to do that.

What can I do if I requested but still haven't received my mail/absentee ballot? Yes, please call the Berks County Office of Election Services at 610-478-6490 for more information on how to do that.

I would like to be more involved. Can I help work the polls on November 3? Yes, Berks County Election Services still needs help. You can get more information and apply [here](#).

I have a question not addressed here. What should I do? Please visit Berks County Election Services [online](#), in person (633 Court Street), or call them at 610-478-6490.

Election Security Frequently Asked Questions

If I see something that concerns me at my polling location, what should I do?

Each polling location has a Judge of Elections so start there. If you don't get resolution, call your county election office (Chester is 610-344-6410; Berks is 610-478-6490). You can also call the Pennsylvania Voter Hotline at 877-VOTESPA (877-686-3772) or the nonpartisan Southern Poverty Law Center Election Protection Hotline at 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683). If someone is in physical danger, call 911.

Should I be worried about uniformed members of the military or law enforcement at polling locations, intimidating voters?

It is illegal for the federal government to deploy armed agents to polling locations unless they are responding to an emergency. Pennsylvania law also prohibits uniformed local law enforcement from being within 100 feet of a polling location unless responding to an emergency. If you see this happening, call the PA Voter Hotline at 877-VOTESPA or the nonpartisan Southern Poverty Law Center Election Protection Hotline at 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683).

Pennsylvania is an open carry state. Should I be worried about guns being inside polling locations?

Pennsylvania law prohibits the possession of firearms in the following locations: inside a property forbidding them, a school, or a courthouse. Voters are encouraged to report irresponsible firearm behavior such as "brandishing or other threatening display of a firearm which could easily be construed as placing someone at risk of death or serious bodily injury." If you see this happening, see the Judge of Elections at your polling location. If the issue is not resolved, call the PA Voter Hotline at 877-VOTESPA or the nonpartisan Southern Poverty Law Center Election Protection Hotline at 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683). If someone is in physical danger, call 911.

President Trump issued an executive order banning mail in ballots which has been challenged in the courts. If I vote by mail, is there a risk of my ballot being thrown out?

Multiple courts, including the Supreme Court, have blocked implementation of this order. In September, the Supreme Court also blocked the US Postal Service from implementing its plan to comply with President Trump's executive order. Given the importance of having your ballot counted and the potential for lost or delayed ballots, we recommend that you vote using a drop box rather than mailing your ballot in.

Didn't the Supreme Court recently give the Trump Administration permission to use the SAVE database to purge voters from the voter rolls ahead of this election?

In late September, the Supreme Court gave temporary permission to the Trump Administration to use the database for checking voter rolls but not before the November election.

Is there anything Congress can do to help make sure this upcoming election is free and fair?

I'm working to make sure Pennsylvania has the resources it needs to keep our elections secure and safe from potential threats. I met with Pennsylvania's Secretary of State to discuss ways to protect the upcoming election. I participated in a Congressional planning exercise to better understand what election interference might look like and how to respond. It was so useful that I urged Governor Shapiro to conduct a similar exercise for all PA election administration officials, and I'm happy to report that it took place last month.

I asked CISA (Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency) to explain how the agency is prepared to protect our elections against risks of cyberattacks, foreign influence, physical security incidents, and more. Many of my Pennsylvania colleagues in Congress joined me to request answers from Regional Director Ryan, because these issues affect all of us.

In addition to getting answers from CISA, I joined Representatives Mary Gay Scanlon, Madeleine Dean, Joe Morelle, and Norma Torres last month for an election security hearing in Pennsylvania. Representatives Scanlon and Dean represent districts next door to us, and Representatives Morelle and Torres serve on the House Administration Committee, which oversees election security. We hosted Pennsylvania voting and legal experts to get crucial answers about how to prepare for and prevent election interference.

I share all of this to reassure you: I am taking every action I can to secure our elections and protect your right to vote.