WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT WAYS I CAN VOTE?

In Ohio, Voters have three ways to vote:

- Absentee voting by mail
- Early in-person voting
- Vote on Election Day

How do I vote Absentee Ballot by Mail?

1. You must first request an absentee ballot from your board of elections: You can get the request form online at [http://bit.ly/SOSREQUEST](http://bit.ly/SOSREQUEST) and print it out, or call and ask your board of elections and ask them to mail you the form to request an absentee ballot.

2. Fill in all the required information, sign it and return the completed request form to your county board of elections. The Board of Elections must receive your request for an absentee ballot by noon on the Saturday before Election Day, but you should do it as early as possible so you don't miss the deadline.

3. Once the Board of elections receives your request, they will mail you an absentee ballot. You can track the status of your ballot request as well as your voted absentee ballot through the Secretary of State's Voter Toolkit here: [http://bit.ly/SOSTOOLS](http://bit.ly/SOSTOOLS)

4. Fill out the ballot and return to the county board of elections. You can mail it or drop it off at the board of elections office. To make sure your absentee ballot is counted, it must be received by your board of elections by 7:30 p.m. on Election Day OR be postmarked by the day before Election Day.
* If you are in a hospital or a facility, you can request that someone brings you an absentee ballot. The process is complicated, so you should call DRO.

**How do I vote early in person?**

Before Election Day, you can vote in person at the early voting locations set by your county Board of Elections.

- Call or check your local Board of Elections website for the location and dates and hours you can vote early.
- Don’t forget to bring your valid ID!
  - Look at DRO’s publication called “What Information or Documents Do I Need to Vote in Person?” for more information on what kind of ID you need to vote

**How do I vote on Election Day?**

- The polls are open from 6:30 am to 7:30 pm on Election day. You can go vote anytime during that time period on Election Day. You may have to wait in line to vote. Voters who are waiting in line at closing time still get to cast their ballots.
- You must bring valid Identification and will be asked to sign the poll book. If you are unable to sign due to your disability, you can ask for the poll worker to sign for you.
- **If you forget to bring identification,** you will have to cast a **provisional ballot** and provide your ID number or the last four digits of your social security number.

  A **provisional ballot** is a ballot that must be checked by the Board of Elections to make sure you have the right to vote. You may be asked to provide your identification later on in order for your vote to count.

If you have any questions or issues on voting, you can contact DRO’s intake line weekdays from 9 am to 12 pm and 1 pm to 4 pm. On Election Day, you can call **DRO’s Voter Hotline at 614-466-7264** for information or help from 6:30 am to 7:30 pm.

We are working remotely, so leave us a voicemail and we will call you back.