Delaware General Election Information 2020
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Voting is a way to make your voice heard and for you to express your opinions and to influence who is making those important laws and policies.

Not voting means you are letting others make decisions for you.

Across the country people with disabilities have not voted for several reasons:
1. because polling places are not accessible
2. discrimination
3. individuals (wrongly) think that they cannot vote due to their disability
4. thinking their vote will not make a difference.

The Disabilities Law Program is here to ensure that people with disabilities can access one of their most fundamental rights, the right to vote!

The following is some important information you need to know for the November election.

1. **Deadline for citizens to register to vote:** October 10, 2020 before the November 3, 2020 General Election.

2. **Deadline for unregistered uniformed service members and citizens living outside the U.S. to register to vote:** October 16, 2020.
   a. To be able to register you must meet the following criterion:
      i. Are a citizen of the United States, AND
      ii. Are a resident of Delaware (Delaware is your home), AND
      iii. Will be 18 years old on or before the date of the next General Election

3. **Some ways to register to Vote**
   a. **Online** with the Department of Elections at https://elections.delaware.gov/voter_tools.shtml -- “Online Voter Registration”
   b. **In person** at any of the Department of Elections county locations
   c. **CLASI** can register you- call for intake
      i. Newcastle: (302) 575-0660
      ii. Kent: (302) 674- 8500
      iii. Sussex: (302) 856-0038
d. For a full list of government offices that can register you please go to the Department of Elections website: elections.delaware.gov

4. **Note:** adults with legal guardians can still vote unless the guardianship order specifically says that they cannot exercise basic voting judgment!

5. General Election is: November 3, 2020. Polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. You may vote in person, by mail or by absentee ballot.
   a. Where you vote is listed on your polling place card, however, due to COVID-19 your polling place may have changed – check at ivote.de.gov before you head to the polls to verify your polling location.
   
   b. The difference between absentee and voting by mail?
      i. A reason is required to vote by absentee ballot.
         1. These reasons include being sick, disabled, or being on vacation, and are defined by law.
      ii. You do not have to have a reason to vote by mail. However, the process is very similar.
   
   c. The voter requests (through an application) a ballot from the Department of Elections, receives the ballot, fills out the ballot and returns it to the Department.
   
   d. It’s best to return the completed vote-by-mail or Absentee ballot **applications** back to the Department of Elections as soon as possible,
      i. ideally no later than one week prior to the election
      ii. you can request your vote-by-mail and Absentee ballot online on the Department of Elections website
      iii. All absentee ballots and VBM ballots will be mailed out by department of elections by October 30, 2020 for the November 3, 2020 General Election.

6. **Returning you absentee and VBM ballots:** November 3, 2020 @ 8 p.m. to the Department of Elections County Office of the county in which the voter resides.
   a. Ballots may be returned by mail, in the envelope provided by the Department of Elections.
   b. If you prefer, they can be returned to a drop box at the Department of Elections office in your county.
   c. If you’re a person with a disability you can receive and return your absentee ballot electronically.
   d. **They cannot** be dropped off at a polling place on election day.

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7. For More questions regarding voting, or if you encounter voting day issues please contact your local Department of Elections office
   i. New Castle:
      1. Office Address: Carvel State Office Building, 820 North French St Suite 400 Wilmington DE 19801
      2. Mailing Address: PO BOX 7079, Wilmington DE 19803-0079
      3. Phone Number: 302-577-3464
   ii. Kent County:
      1. Office Address: 119 N. Race St, Georgetown DE 19947
      2. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 457, Georgetown DE 19947
      3. Phone Number: 302-739-4498
   iii. Sussex County:
      1. Office Address: 100 Enterprise Pl Ste 5, Dover DE 19904
      2. Mailing Address: PO BOX 699, Dover DE 19903-0699
      3. Phone Number: 302-856-5367
   b. You may also contact CLASI at one of our three locations.
   c. CLASI’s website: www.declasi.org

**For full links please find this videos PowerPoint on CLASI.org, in the Disabilities Law Program’s voting rights page.**