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[Vote by Mail](#)

NOTICE: If you received a state letter and already applied to V you may [confirm your Vote By Mail application status here.](#)

1. Apply Now to Vote By Mail

Any Chicago voter may [apply online now to Vote By Mail](#) ahead of the Nov. 3, 2020 Election. No reason or excuse. [Mail-in application form](#) [Need to check the status of your Vote By Mail application?](#)

Chicago voters who apply online between now and Sept. 24 will be among the first to receive ballots. Ballot mailing

Chicago voters who [apply online to Vote By Mail](#) will receive emails:

- In the days that follow their online application, to confirm that the online application has been received and processed.
- When the ballot is being mailed to the voter -- with a unique link to a system to track the ballot through the US F
- When the Vote By Mail "Ballot Return Envelope" is received by the Election Board; and,
- When the Vote By Mail "Ballot Return Envelope" has been approved for counting -- or if there is a question or problem with the Envelope.

New "How to Vote By Mail" for Nov. 2020



2. Mark Your Ballot

Follow all instructions that come with your ballot and be sure to vote in secret.

NOTE: When marking your ballot, use a black or blue ballpoint pen or a felt-tip pen. Do NOT use a red pen or marker as it may not be read by the ballot scanners.

NOTE: The Board supplies all Vote By Mail voters with postage-paid Ballot Return Envelopes to return their ballots.

3. Return Your Ballot

The signed and sealed Ballot Return Envelope may be returned:

- through the U.S. Postal Service or a licensed courier, OR
- by personal delivery to the Election Board at 69 W. Washington, Sixth Floor, OR
- **NEW:** at any of the [Secured Drop Boxes \(learn more here\)](#), which will be available at 69 W. Washington St., the same as at every Early Voting site in Chicago.

Especially in the two weeks before Election Day, Chicago voters are encouraged to use a Secured Drop Box to return the signed and sealed Ballot Return Envelope.

Once a mail ballot has been returned to the Board, it cannot be retrieved or withdrawn. The same voter cannot use

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