



## Top 5 Things To Know About In-Person Early Voting

Earlier this year, a law was passed permitting in-person early voting in New Jersey. Here are the answers to five common questions about in-person early voting:

### 1. WHAT IS IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING?

This new option enables all registered voters to cast their ballot **in person, using a voting machine, during a nine-day period prior to Election Day**. You can now choose to vote, in person, when it's most convenient for your schedule.

### 2. WHERE CAN I ACCESS IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING?

- No matter where you live in the county, you can vote your specific ballot at any of your county's designated in-person early voting locations.
- Find your county's locations at **Vote.NJ.Gov**.

### 3. WHEN CAN I ACCESS IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING?

- In-person early voting locations will be open **Saturday, October 23 through Sunday, October 31**.
- Hours will be **Monday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. and Sunday, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.** No appointment necessary.

### 4. WHAT IF I ALWAYS VOTE BY MAIL, BUT NOW WANT TO VOTE EARLY, IN PERSON, INSTEAD?

- Check whether or not you are an active vote-by-mail voter at **Vote.NJ.Gov**, under "Am I Registered?"
- If you are registered to vote by mail in the 2021 General Election, you must opt out, in order to cast a ballot in person on a machine at an early voting location.
- To opt out, contact your County Clerk, listed below, by August 31.

### 5. CAN I STILL CHOOSE FROM OTHER VOTING OPTIONS?

Yes. You may select, instead, to:

- Apply for a **vote-by-mail ballot** and return it one of the following ways...
  - 1... *Mail*: It must be postmarked on or before 8:00 p.m. November 2 and be received by your county's Board of Elections on or before November 8.
  - 2... *Secure Ballot Drop Box*: Place it in one of your county's secure ballot drop boxes by 8:00 p.m. on November 2. Drop box locations can be found at Vote.NJ.Gov.
  - 3... *Board of Elections Office*: Deliver it in person to your county's Board of Elections Office by 8:00 p.m. on November 2. County Election Officials' contact information can be found at Vote.NJ.Gov.
- Or, **vote in person** at your polling place, from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. **on Election Day, November 2**. Accommodations will be made for voters with disabilities. Go to **Vote.NJ.Gov** for your polling place, listed on the Polling Locations page.

NOTE: Vote-by-mail ballots CANNOT be returned to your polling place for this election.



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