Be Election READY

2020 VOTER GUIDE
One of our greatest responsibilities as American citizens is to vote. I compliment each and every one of you who has had a voice in shaping our government by exercising their right to vote in past elections and we hope for their participation again during this very important year!

It has been a honor to serve as Collier County’s chief elections official these past years. My top two priorities as your Supervisor of Elections is to ensure the integrity of the electoral process and ensure you have a pleasant voting experience when you cast your ballot.

We take our responsibilities as the gatekeepers of democracy very seriously and have prepared this guide to provide you with helpful information about voting this year. Please use the guide as a reference to be Election Ready when you cast your ballot in 2020. You can also visit us on the web at www.CollierVotes.com or call our office at (239) 252-VOTE (8683)!
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How to Register to Vote

Registering to vote is easy! Voters can now register online at www.RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov. In order to register to vote online, citizens must provide their Florida Driver License or Florida Identification Number, date of birth and the last four digits of their Social Security Number. Citizens can also complete a voter registration application form available at the Supervisor of Elections office, driver license offices, public libraries, government satellite offices, state agencies that provide public assistance and/or serve persons with disabilities, and any recruitment office of the armed forces. You may also print an application form from the Supervisor of Elections’ website: www.CollierVotes.com. Once completed, mail or deliver the form to:

Supervisor of Elections
3750 Enterprise Avenue
Naples FL 34104

State and federal law also make it convenient to register to vote or update a voter registration record by allowing you to do so at the same time a benefit or service is obtained from any state or federally designated voter registration agency mentioned above. In fact, registering to vote or updating a registration record is done electronically at any office that issues or renews driver licenses.

A new voter registration application form is complete if it contains:

- A check in the “Yes” box affirming United States citizenship.
- A check in the box affirming you have not been convicted of a felony or, if convicted, have had your civil rights restored by the Board of Executive Clemency, or affirm your voting rights have been restored pursuant to s. 4, Art. VI of the State Constitution upon the completion of all terms of your sentence, including parole or probation.
- A check in the box affirming you have not been adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting or, if adjudicated, you have had your right to vote restored.
- Your date of birth.
- Your valid Florida driver license number or Florida identification card number. If you do not have either, you must provide the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you have not been issued a Florida Driver License, a Florida Identification Card or a Social Security Number, you must indicate “none” in that field.
- Your full name.
- The address where you live, your legal residence - not a P.O. Box or business address.
- You must sign or mark your registration application form in the signature box. By signing or marking the application form, you swear or affirm under penalty of false oath that the information is true. Only the voter may sign. A power of attorney or any other signer other than you is NOT accepted.

Note: Applicants who do not designate a political party affiliation will be registered as “No Party Affiliation” (NPA).

(97.053 F.S.)
Who Can Register and Vote

All persons must be registered to vote in order to participate in any and all elections. To register to vote, citizens must be 18 years of age, a United States citizen, and a legal resident of Florida. Citizens can pre-register on or after their 16th birthday and vote in any election held on or after their 18th birthday.

(97.041 F.S.)

In the State of Florida, the registration books close 29 days prior to each election and must remain closed until after that election.

(97.055 F.S.)

Voter Registration Books Close

Presidential Preference Primary Election...........February 18, 2020
Primary Election..................................July 20, 2020
General Election..................................October 5, 2020

Election Day
March 17, 2020
August 18, 2020
November 3, 2020

Persons Not Entitled to Register or Vote

• Persons adjudicated mentally incapacitated by a court in this or another state with respect to voting who have not had their right to vote restored.
• Persons who have been convicted of any felony in any court and who have not had their right to vote restored either by the Board of Executive Clemency or pursuant to s. 4, Art. VI of the State Constitution upon the completion of all terms of their sentence, including parole or probation.
• Any person who is not a citizen of the United States of America. A lawful permanent resident cannot register or vote in Florida.

(97.041 F.S.)

Placement on Inactive Voter Roll and Removal

When the Supervisor of Elections receives information from the U.S. Post Office or from another governmental source indicating a voter’s residence may have changed to another address in Florida, the voter’s registration record will be changed to reflect the new address and the voter will be mailed an address change notice. It is not necessary to respond unless the address is incorrect.

If information indicates the voter has moved outside the state, the voter will be mailed an address confirmation final notice. Registration status of voters who do not respond to this notice within 30 days, will be changed to inactive. Inactive voters are still registered to vote, and their voting status will be changed to active if they update their voter registration record, request a Vote-by-Mail ballot, and/or go to the polls to vote. However, inactive voters who do none of these things will be removed from the registration records after two General Elections from the date they were made inactive and will have to re-register in order to vote.

(98.065 F.S.)
When You Can Register or Update Your Voter Information

Citizens may apply to register to vote at any time online, by mail or in person; however, the registration books close on the 29th day before each election and remain closed until after that election. After the registration books close, voter registration applications will be accepted for subsequent elections only.

The date a voter registration application is postmarked or hand delivered to the Supervisor of Elections office, driver license office or another voter registration agency, will be the registration date on record. When a qualified voter’s voter registration application is complete, a voter information card will be mailed to the address in their voter registration record.

The only late voter registration exception that is made in the State of Florida is made for an individual or accompanying family member who has been discharged or separated from the uniformed services, merchant marine, or from employment outside the United States. This clause is pursuant to 97.0555 F.S. and gives individuals who meet these criteria, and are otherwise qualified to register to vote, the option to register up until 5 p.m. on the Friday before the election. For more information, please contact the Supervisor of Elections office for the list of necessary evidentiary documentation.

Updates and changes to a voter’s name, address, signature and political party may be made at anytime. However, political party changes made after the registration books close for a Primary Election, will not become effective until after the Primary Election.

(97.053 and 97.055 F.S.)

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Assistance in Voting

All polling places are equipped with accessible voting systems for persons with disabilities to enable such persons to vote without assistance if they choose. Any person who is unable to read or write or who, because of some disability, needs assistance in voting, can designate someone to assist them in the voting process. Election officials may also provide assistance.

(97.061 and 101.051 F.S.)
When Voters Change Their Address

Whenever a voter changes their address within the State of Florida, they should contact the Supervisor of Elections office in the county of your new residence to update their voter registration record. It is important to update an address because, by law, you can only vote in the precinct in which you live.

When voters move within the county, they can avoid delays at the polling place by updating their address with the Supervisor of Elections office prior to voting.

Generally, voters may only vote in the precinct in which they live and are registered to vote in. However, voters temporarily living outside their home county who have no permanent address in the county may apply to be registered and vote in the precinct that contains the main office of the Supervisor of Elections. These voters will not be allowed to vote in municipal elections.

(97.1031 and 101.045 F.S.)

When Voters Change Their Name

When voters change their name, they should notify the Supervisor of Elections office by completing and signing a new voter registration application form or other signed written notice that contains their date of birth or voter registration number.

(97.1031 and 101.045 F.S.)

When Voters Want to Change Their Party Affiliation

Voters can their their party affiliation online at www.RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov or notify the Supervisor of Elections office by completing and signing a new voter registration application form or other signed written notice that contains their date of birth or voter registration number. Voters cannot change your party at the polling place. To be eligible for a Primary Election, a party change must be made at least 29 days before the Primary Election.

(97.1031 F.S.)

Signature Updates

Voters needing to update their signature can do so by completing a voter registration application form and submitting it to the Supervisor of Elections office. Signatures are very important to the voting process and can change over time. Signatures on record with our office are used to verify signed petitions, Vote-by-Mail ballots and provisional ballots, as well as certificates and affirmations. Mismatched signatures on petitions or Vote-by-Mail ballots may not count.

(98.077 F.S.)
2020 Election Dates

Early Voting
Registered Collier County voters have the option of voting early at any one of the designated Early Voting sites in the county: Collier County Government Complex, Everglades City Hall, Golden Gate Community Center, Immokalee Community Park, Library Headquarters, Marco Island Library, North Collier Regional Park, Norris Center at Cambier Park, or the Supervisor of Elections office.

*Early Voting
Presidential Preference Primary Election........March 7-14, 2020
Primary Election.................................August 8-15, 2020
General Election.................................October 19-31, 2020

Polls Open
10 a.m.-6 p.m.
10 a.m.-6 p.m.
9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Election Day
On Election Day, the polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Voters must vote in their assigned precinct as indicated on their voter information card. Visit www.CollierVotes.com and select “Find My Precinct” to determine where your polling location is located.

Presidential Preference Primary Election........March 17, 2020
Primary Election.............................................August 18, 2020
General Election.............................................November 3, 2020

Required Identification at the Polls
When voting in person, voters are required to present a current and valid photo/signature identification. Acceptable forms of photo/signature identification are:

Florida Driver License  Military ID  Public Assistance ID
Florida ID Card issued by DHSMV  Student ID  Veteran Health ID Card issued by US Dept of Veteran Affairs
US Passport  Retirement Center ID  Conceal Carry License
Debit or Credit Card  Neighborhood Association ID  **Employee ID

If a photo ID does not contain your signature, you will be required to show an additional identification that provides a signature.

Once a voter’s identity has been established and they have signed an oath affirming your identity and eligibility to vote, they will receive a ballot. If a mistake has been made on the ballot when voting, ask for a replacement. You may receive up to two replacement ballots. Inform an election official if you need assistance.

During all elections, a voter claiming to be properly registered and eligible to vote, but whose eligibility cannot be determined, shall be entitled to vote a provisional ballot.

*Early voting dates, times and locations are subject to change. **Employee ID used as voting identification must be issued by a branch, department, agency or entity of the Federal Government, the state, a county or a municipality.
Vote-by-Mail

All qualified registered voters are permitted to vote by mail under Florida law. A ballot may be requested by the voter, an immediate family member or a legal guardian, if instructed by the voter. One request can cover all elections through the end of the calendar year following the second regularly scheduled General Election. Requests may be made in person, by mail, via telephone or by completing an online request form at www.CollierVotes.com.

When requesting a mail ballot, the voter must provide their name, address and date of birth. If a request is made by someone other than the voter, the requester must provide their name, address, driver license number (if available) and the relationship to the voter. For written requests, the voter’s signature or the requester’s signature is also required.

Requests for a ballot to be mailed must be received by the Supervisor of Elections office no later than 5 p.m. on the tenth day before Election Day. **Balloons cannot be forwarded** and are mailed to the voter’s current address on file with the Supervisor of Elections office.

(97.055 F.S.)

Last day to request a Vote-by-Mail ballot

Presidential Preference Primary Election.....................March 7, 2020 at 5 p.m.
Primary Election..............................................August 8, 2020 at 5 p.m.
General Election..............................................October 24, 2020 at 5 p.m.

If a voter requests a mail ballot and later decides to vote in person, the ballot should be surrendered so it can be cancelled.

Voted ballots may be delivered to a drop box located within each early voting site during the early voting period or mailed to the Supervisor of Elections office. Vote-by-Mail ballots must be received no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day. Voted ballots may not be delivered to a polling place on Election Day. Voters can track the status of their mail ballot at www.CollierVotes.com.

(101.62 and 101.69 F.S.)

State Write-in Absentee Ballot

Voters who are overseas, in the military or have other contingencies that prevent normal mail delivery and preclude them from getting the official mail ballot during the normal period, can vote a state write-in absentee ballot. The period for requesting the state write-in absentee ballot from the Supervisor of Elections office in the county of registration is between 180 days (6 months) and 90 days (3 months) before the General Election. To mark choices on a state write-in ballot, voters can write in the candidate’s name or the name of a political party, if there is such a party candidate on the ballot.

(101.6951 F.S.; Rule 1S-2.028 Florida Administrative Code)
Military and Overseas Voters

United States uniformed services members on active duty, a Merchant Marine member, spouse or dependent thereof, or a United States citizen residing outside of the United States, can use the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) either to register to vote or to request a mail ballot (if they are already registered), or to do both at the same time. Voters can get the FPCA from a Voting Assistance Officer or through the Internet at www.fvap.gov. The FPCA request for a mail ballot will be effective as a request for all elections through the end of the calendar year of the second ensuing regularly scheduled General Election after the date of the request. If the FPCA is not available, phone or send a written request by mail, fax or email to the Supervisor of Elections office and a voter registration application or ballot will be sent to you however you want it sent (i.e. mail, fax or email).

By law, ballot requests on file must be transmitted to military and overseas citizens at least 45 days before each election. Voters who have not received their ballot two weeks before the election should contact their Supervisor of Elections. Voters who are already registered can also request at any time up through Election Day to have a ballot sent by fax or email to them rather than receiving it by regular mail. Requests can be made by phone, fax, mail or online if they include an email address with their ballot request, the Supervisor of Elections will use that email address to notify them when their request was received; the estimated date the ballot will be sent and when their returned, voted ballot was received.

Upon receiving their ballot, service members and overseas voters should carefully follow the instructions sent to them with their ballot or their vote may not count. Sign and date the ballot certificate to ensure that their ballot is counted. Return the voted ballot so the Supervisor of Elections office receives it no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day. Voters overseas can return their voted ballot by fax or mail by following the instructions with their ballot. Otherwise, uniformed services member absent stateside, must return their voted ballot by mail. The status of returned ballots can be tracked at www.CollierVotes.com.

(101.6952 and 101.697 F.S.)
Voting System

Since the Primary Election in August 2008, countywide elections in Collier County have been conducted using the Election Systems & Software (ES&S) DS200 paper-based optical scan voting system.

Voters insert their marked ballots directly into the DS200 which then scans the ballot to capture and tabulate the vote. After scanning, the ballot automatically drops into the secured ballot bin below.

Designed to better capture voter intent and improve the election experience, if a voter attempts to cast a blank ballot and/or over-votes a contest, the DS200 notifies the voter giving them an opportunity to correct the ballot. A voter may receive up to two replacement ballots if a mistake is made prior to the ballot being cast.

How to Properly Mark your Ballot

Incorrect

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Incorrect

Correct

During Early Voting and on Election Day, ADA-compliant ballot marking devices (ExpressVotes), are available providing an option for voters with disabilities to vote without assistance.
2020 Precincts and Polling Locations

101 West Wind Estates Community Building
   301 Joseph Lane
   Naples FL 34114

102 Everglades City Hall
   102 Copeland Avenue N
   Everglades City FL 34139

103 First Haitian Baptist Church
   14600 Tamiami Trail E
   Naples FL 34114

135 Glades Community Center
   186 Teryl Road
   Naples FL 34112

139 Riviera Golf Estates Clubhouse
   425 Charlemagne Boulevard
   Naples FL 34112

141 Hitching Post Recreation Hall
   100 Barefoot Williams Road
   Naples FL 34113

142 Isles of Capri Community Center
   338 Capri Boulevard
   Naples FL 34113

144 Shepherd of the Glades Lutheran Church
   6020 Rattlesnake Hammock Road
   Naples FL 34113

155 South Regional Library
   8065 Lely Cultural Parkway
   Naples FL 34113

156 Eagle Lakes Community Park
   11565 Tamiami Trail E
   Naples FL 34113

159 The Club & Spa at Fiddler’s Creek
   3470 Club Center Boulevard
   Naples FL 34114

189 Goodland Community Center
   417 Mango Avenue
   Goodland FL 34140

190 Marco Presbyterian Church
   875 W Elkcam Circle
   Marco Island FL 34145

193 United Church of Marco Island
   320 N Barfield Drive
   Marco Island FL 34145

194 Marco Lutheran Church
   525 N Collier Blvd
   Marco Island FL 34145

202 Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church
   1225 Piper Blvd
   Naples FL 34110

203 North Collier Regional Park
   15000 Livingston Road
   Naples FL 34109

204 First Congregational Church of Naples
   6630 Immokalee Road
   Naples FL 34119

222 Bentley Village East Clubhouse
   701 Retreat Drive
   Naples FL 34110

223 St. John the Evangelist Life Center
   625 111th Avenue N
   Naples FL 34108

242 Village Walk Community Center
   3200 Village Walk Circle
   Naples FL 34109

251 Library Headquarters
   2385 Orange Blossom Drive
   Naples FL 34109

252 Pelican Marsh Community Center
   1504 Pelican Marsh Boulevard
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255 Pelican Bay Community Center
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Voter’s Bill of Rights

Each Registered Voter has the Right to:

1. Vote and have their vote accurately counted.
2. Cast a vote if in line at the official closing of the polls in that county.
3. Ask for and receive assistance in voting.
4. Receive up to two replacement ballots if a mistake is made prior to the ballot being cast.
5. An explanation if their registration or identity is in question.
6. Cast a provisional ballot if their registration or identity is in question.
7. Written instructions to use when voting and, upon request, oral instructions in voting from elections officers.
8. Vote free from coercion or intimidation by elections officers or any other person.
9. Vote on a voting system that is in working condition and that will allow votes to be accurately cast.

Voter’s Responsibilities

Each Registered Voter in this State Should:

1. Familiarize themselves with the candidates and issues.
2. Maintain a current address with the Supervisor of Elections office.
3. Know the location of the polling place and its hours of operation.
4. Bring proper identification to the polling place.
5. Familiarize themselves with the operation of the voting equipment in their precinct.
6. Treat precinct workers with courtesy.
7. Respect the privacy of other voters.
8. Report any problems or violations of election laws to the Supervisor of Elections.
9. Ask questions if needed.
10. Make sure that their completed ballot is correct before leaving the polling place.

Note to Voter:
Failure to perform any of these responsibilities does not prohibit a voter from voting.

(101.031(2) F.S.)
Election Workers

On Election Day, the Supervisor of Elections is one of the county’s largest employers. The Supervisor of Elections office is always looking for friendly, dedicated individuals to work at the polls. Persons interested in becoming an Election Worker, visit www.CollierVotes.com or contact the Supervisor of Elections office at (239) 252-VOTE (8683)

(102.012 and 102.014 F.S.)

Poll Watchers

Each political party, each political candidate and political committee with an item on the ballot, may have one poll watcher in each polling room or early voting area at any one time during an election. Poll watchers must be registered voters in the county and cannot be candidates or law enforcement officers. Each political party, each political committee, and each candidate requesting to have poll watchers must designate, in writing to the Supervisor of Elections, poll watchers for each precinct prior to noon of the second Tuesday preceding the election. Poll watchers for early voting shall be requested in writing to the Supervisor of Elections no later than seven days before early voting begins.

Poll Watcher Designation Deadlines:

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(101.131 F.S.)

Voter Registration is Public Record

In the State of Florida, voter registration records are open to the public and may be examined or copied by any person. However, the following registration information is confidential and exempt from public disclosure: Social Security numbers, driver license numbers, Florida identification numbers, location of a voter’s place of registration and location of a voter’s place of registration update. A voter’s signature may be viewed, but not copied.

(97.0585 F.S.)
Primary Elections

Florida is a Closed Primary State. This means that only voters who are registered members of a political party may vote for their respective party’s candidate in a Primary Election. Voters without party affiliation or those registered with a minor political party are not eligible to vote for party candidates.

However, if all candidates have the same party affiliation and the winner will not face opposition in the General Election, all qualified voters, regardless of party affiliation, may vote in a Primary Election for that office. This is known as a Universal Primary Contest.

In a Primary Election, all registered voters, including those without party affiliation, are eligible to vote for nonpartisan judicial and school board offices, nonpartisan special districts and/or local referendum questions on the ballot.

During a General Election, registered voters may vote for any candidate or question on the ballot regardless of party affiliation.

(101.021 F.S.)

How to Report Election Law Violations or Voter Fraud

Report violations of either the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, the Help America Vote Act of 2002, or any irregularities or fraud involving voter registration, voting, candidate or issue petitions, or removal procedures under the Florida Election Code in writing to the Florida Department of State, Division of Elections, 1st Floor, R.A. Gray Building, 500 S. Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250, (877) 868-3737. Complaint forms are available on the Division of Elections’ website: http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/forms-publications/forms/complaint-forms/.

Report violations relating to campaign financing, candidates, committees or other political activities under chapters 104 and 106, and section 105.071, Florida Statutes, by sworn written complaint to the Florida Elections Commission, Suite 224 Collins Building, 107 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050, (850) 922-4539. The Florida Elections Commission is not affiliated with the Department of State, Division of Elections.

(106.25 F.S.)

All other violations should be reported to the local state attorney.

(97.012(15), 97.023, and 97.028 F.S.; R1S-2.025, R1S-2.036, and R1S-2.038 Florida Administrative Code)
Important Notes and Reminders

First Time Voters Who Register By Mail: Special identification requirements apply for first time Florida voters who register by mail. To avoid delays when voting at the polls, provide a copy of identification at the time you mail your voter registration application such as a copy of your driver license, current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or government document that lists your name and address.

If you vote by mail, you must provide a copy of the identification with your ballot or your ballot will not count. If you vote by mail and you fall into one of the categories below, you are exempt and do not need to satisfy the special identification requirements providing you swear or affirm under penalty of oath on your ballot certificate that you are exempt. The identification requirements apply to all mail registrations except:

- Persons 65 years of age or older.
- Persons with a temporary or permanent physical disability.
- Members of the active uniformed services, merchant marine, and their spouses and/or dependents who, by reason of such active duty, are absent from the county.
- Persons currently residing outside the United States who are eligible to vote in Florida.

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Signature Updates: It is important to keep your signature current with the Supervisor of Elections as its appearance may change over time. Update your signature by completing a voter registration application form. Signatures on your registration record are used to verify your signature on petitions, mail ballots, provisional ballots, certificates and affirmations. Your petition or ballot will not count if the signature does not match your signature on record.

Sample Ballots: Voters should review their sample ballot and are encouraged to mark their selections and bring it to their polling location to use as a guide when voting.

Vote-by-Mail: Any registered voter may request a ballot and vote by mail. Voters are reminded that the voter certificate on the back of the ballot envelope MUST be signed by the voter and MUST reach the Supervisor of Elections office by 7 p.m. on Election Day.
For Additional Information

Call or visit our offices

Main Office:
Supervisor of Elections
Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr Building
3750 Enterprise Avenue
Naples FL 34104

Monday - Friday
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Satellite Office:
North Collier Government Service Center
2335 Orange Blossom Drive
Naples FL 34109

(next to Collier County Library Headquarters)

Monday - Friday
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.