

Every Voice, Every Vote

The Reform Movement's 2020 Civic Engagement Campaign

The **Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism** is working with congregations across the U.S. on a nonpartisan campaign to strengthen our democracy by encouraging everyone to participate in the 2020 election and ensuring that Reform Jewish values are represented in the public square. As part of that effort, the **Social Justice Committee at KAM Isaiah Israel** is providing timely information on voter registration and options regarding where and when to vote.

REGISTERING TO VOTE

Register Online

Regardless of where you live in Illinois, you can register to vote or update your registration [here](#).

If you want to check your current voter registration status, [click here](#).

To register online, you will need the number from an Illinois driver's license or state ID card, as well as the last four digits of your Social Security Number. If you want to register at a new address, you may use a license or state ID that lists your old address.

The deadline for online voter registration is Sunday, October 18.

Register In-Person

In Chicago, you can register at an Early Voting site beginning on October 14 or at your precinct polling place on Election Day, November 3.

You must present two forms of identification, including at least one that shows your current address. For a list of acceptable forms of identification, [click here](#).

For more information about registering to vote in Chicago, [click here](#).

To watch a video on how to register to vote in Chicago, [click here](#).

For information about registering to vote in Suburban Cook County, [click here](#).

WHEN AND WHERE TO VOTE

Voting by Mail in Chicago

Any registered voter may request a vote-by-mail ballot. Even if you have already received a vote-by-mail application, you can **apply online** [here](#).

You can check the status of your application [here](#).

After submitting the application, you will receive a series of e-mails to confirm the following:

- When your online application has been received and processed.
- When your ballot and Ballot Return Envelope have been mailed to you.
- When your Ballot Return Envelope has been received by the Board of Elections.
- When your ballot has been processed and counted.

If your completed application is received by September 24, you should receive your ballot(s) — together with a return envelope and set of instructions — between September 24 and October 5. Beginning October 5, the Board of Elections will send ballots within two business days of receiving complete applications.

When you are ready to vote, fill in the oval next to each of your choices using **blue or black ink**. After completing your voting, place the ballot(s) in the **Ballot Return Envelope**, which has your name on it. You must fill out the yellow **certification box** on the front of the envelope. Then **sign your name**, write the date, and seal the envelope.

You can return the pre-paid envelope through the **U.S. Postal Service**. Mailed envelopes must be post-marked no later than Tuesday, November 3, but the Postal Service recommends that ballots be mailed at least 15 days before Election Day.

Alternatively, you can deposit your Ballot Return Envelope in a **Secured Drop Box**, which will be available at every **Early Voting site** from October 14 through November 3:

Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Election Day (Nov. 3), 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For a list of Early Voting sites in all 50 wards, [click here](#).

The Chicago Board of Elections encourages voters to use Secured Drop Boxes, especially in the two weeks before Election Day.

If you do not use your vote-by-mail ballot for any reason, you can still vote in-person at an Early Voting site or on Election Day (November 3). You must submit the unused mail ballot to an election judge or complete an affidavit stating that the mail ballot was lost or never received.

For more information about voting by mail in Chicago, [click here](#). **To watch a video** on how to vote by mail, [click here](#).

For information about voting by mail in Suburban Cook County, [click here](#).

Voting In-Person at an Early Voting Site

Early Voting sites in Chicago will be open from October 14 through November 3:

Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Election Day, Nov. 3, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Chicago voters may use any Early Voting location in the city. There are two Early Voting sites in the Hyde Park area:

Ward 4 - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Center, 4314 S. Cottage Grove Avenue
Ward 5 - Ray Elementary School, 5631 S. Kimbark Avenue

For a list of Early Voting sites in all 50 wards, [click here](#).

Early Voting does not require a government-issued photo ID, but it is helpful to have one if there is a question about the voter's registration, address, or signature, or if there are two voters at the same address with the same names or similar names.

Early Voting in Suburban Cook County begins on October 19. For more information, [click here](#).

Voting at Your Precinct Polling Place on Election Day, November 3

To find your polling place in **Chicago**, [click here](#).

To find your polling place in **Suburban Cook County**, [click here](#).

INDEX OF KEY RESOURCES

Chicago Board of Elections: <https://chicagoelections.gov/en/home.html>

Cook County Clerk (for Suburban Cook): <https://www.cookcountyclerk.com/agency/elections>

Illinois State Board of Elections: <https://www.elections.il.gov/>

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