Election Day: November 3

**Why should you vote?**

Voting is the one of the most powerful ways to make your voice heard in our democracy, but in 2016, only 61.4% of the voting age population in the United States reported voting.

Modern technology has improved access to information on candidates and made it easier to register to vote in many areas, and it is vital to be aware of how you can participate in the 2020 election.

**South Dakota's absentee and mail-in voting procedures**

**Permanent absentee / mail-in voting procedures:**

- No excuse required to request an absentee ballot

**2020 state absentee / mail-in voting status:**

- Coronavirus updates: Mail-in ballot applications sent automatically to all voters in the June 2, 2020, election; no announced changes for the November 3, 2020 general election.

**Deadlines to know for voting in South Dakota**

**Voter registration deadline:**

October 19, 2020

Fifteen days before an election.

**Absentee / Mail-In voting ballot deadlines:**

Request must be received by

November 2, 2020

Day before the election

**Ballot submission deadline:**

Received at your precinct before polls close on November 3, 2020 (Election Day).

**How can you register to vote in South Dakota?**

To register to vote in South Dakota, visit the State Board of Elections website for more information on voter eligibility and the registration process.

To begin the registration process, visit the South Dakota State Election Office's webpage for more details.

Information is current as of: September 8, 2020