



FAQs for Voters in Hospitals & Long Term Care Facilities

The Arizona Secretary of State's Office is committed to helping all eligible voters participate in the upcoming election. This includes providing information and assistance to voters who are elderly, ill, or have a disability, including voters residing in caregiving facilities or who are hospitalized and are particularly vulnerable to COVID-19. Below are answers to frequently asked questions these voters may have about participating in our democracy.

1. If I can't leave my caregiving facility, how can I vote?

We recommend requesting a ballot-by-mail. It's safe, secure, and convenient. Your request must be **received by 5:00 p.m. on October 23, 2020.**

If you miss the deadline or are unable to get a ballot-by-mail, you can request a Special Election Board (SEB) from your County Recorder. See question 6 below.

2. Can I get a ballot-by-mail delivered to my caregiving facility?

Yes! You can request your ballot-by-mail be sent to a temporary or other designated address. You can sign up for the Permanent Early Voter List or make a one-time request for a ballot to be sent to your caregiving facility. You can sign up online, by mail, or by email. You can also call your County Recorder to request a ballot. Visit www.azsos.gov/votebymail to learn more.

3. Is there a deadline to request a ballot-by-mail?

We recommend you request your ballot-by-mail as soon as possible, and at the latest by the deadline at **5:00 p.m. October 23, 2020.**

4. How do I return my ballot-by-mail?

We encourage you to vote and return your ballot-by-mail immediately after you receive it. If you are mailing your ballot back, we recommend that you put it in the mail as early as possible, or by October 27, 2020. Your ballot must be received by 7:00 p.m. on November 3, 2020 for your vote to be counted.

If you can't mail your ballot by October 27, you can take your ballot to any ballot drop-box, drop-off location, early voting location, or Election Day voting location in your county by 7:00 p.m. on November 3, 2020. If you can't return your ballot yourself, the law allows a caregiver, family member, household member, or election official to assist in returning your ballot. Find all voting and drop off locations on your [county's website](#).

5. Who can assist me in voting or returning my ballot-by-mail?

The law allows a third-party of your choice to assist you in **marking your ballot** if you are physically unable to do so due to illness, injury, or physical limitation. For example, you can ask a trusted caregiver (including facility staff), family member, household member, or neighbor to assist you. The person who assists you must sign and complete the appropriate portion of the ballot affidavit envelope. Please note that power of attorney for requesting or voting a ballot is not permitted. Whoever assists you must mark your ballot according to your instruction.

Under Arizona law, only a caregiver, family member, household member, or election official may help you mail or otherwise **return your voted ballot** to election officials.

6. What is a Special Election Board (SEB)?

If you can't go to the polls and need assistance getting a ballot or voting your ballot, you may request an SEB from your County Recorder. An SEB is a bi-partisan team appointed by your county that will deliver your ballot or otherwise help you vote. The deadline to request an SEB for the General Election is October 23, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

If you experience an emergency after October 23 that would prevent you from going to your polling location, you may still request an SEB up until November 2, 2020.

While counties will do their best to fulfill SEB requests, they cannot guarantee SEB availability. If you need assistance, we recommend contacting your County Recorder as early as possible.

7. How do I request an SEB?

Call or email your County Recorder to request an SEB. Be prepared to provide your name, address, and driver's license number or last 4 digits of your SSN.

8. What will happen once I've requested an SEB?

Health and safety guidance is changing daily, so we recommend that you make a plan before your scheduled SEB visit. Here are some recommendations to ensure your appointment goes smoothly:

- Check with your facility about the latest visitation/safety procedures. The SEB will follow your facility's procedures, as well as guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Arizona Department of Health Services.
- Each county has different procedures for how their SEB operates. When you schedule your appointment, ask what to expect. If necessary, the SEB can help mark the ballot at your direction and show you that they marked the ballot according to your instruction.
- Plan ahead to have valid voter identification handy for your SEB appointment. You can find a list of acceptable voter ID at www.Arizona.Vote.

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