FAQs NOV. 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION

How do I vote in the Nov. 3rd General Election?

You can vote by mail, drop box, advanced in-person, or on Election Day. Absentee ballots started arriving to voters on September 18th. Due to mail delays, we strongly encourage voters to request their absentee ballots within 10 days of Election Day.

How do I check my voter registration status?

Visit the Georgia Secretary of State's website mvp.sos.ga.gov to check your voter registration status, update your registration information, find your polling location, and more.

Can I register to vote before I turn 18?

Yes, you can register to vote at 17 but you are not eligible to vote until you turn 18.

Will my vote be counted if I put it in the drop box?

As long as you follow the instructions on the absentee ballot form and place it in the drop box it will be counted. Drop boxes are under camera surveillance and can only be accessed by election officials. The deadline to submit your absentee ballot via drop box is 7 p.m. November 3rd.

How will I know that you've received my submitted absentee ballot?

Track the status of your returned ballot by signing up at https://georgia.ballottrax.net/voter/. Sign up for text or email alerts to see the real-time status of your ballot.

I dropped my ballot off at the designated drop box but it's not showing up when I log in to the Secretary of State's site. Is my vote going to be counted?

If your ballot has not shown up in the system within 10 days, immediately call the DeKalb Registration and Elections Office at (404) 298-4020 to follow-up.

Can someone else drop off my completed absentee ballot?

A family member or a roommate can drop off your completed absentee ballot. Caregivers may drop off a ballot if the voter is physically disabled. Eligible family members include mother, father, grandparent, aunt, uncle, sister, brother, spouse, son, daughter, niece, nephew, grandchild, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law of the age of 18 or over.

I received my absentee ballot but I'd rather vote in person. What should I do?

Just bring your absentee ballot with you when you vote in person and give it to the poll worker. You will then be permitted to cast your vote at the voting booth. If you don't have your absentee ballot, you will be asked to sign an affidavit acknowledging you wish to cancel your absentee ballot and vote in person instead.

If you have already submitted your absentee ballot by mail or via drop box and your ballot has been received and processed, you cannot vote in person.

I want to vote in person but I'm concerned about COVID-19. What is being done to ensure public safety protocols are being followed at the polls?

All DeKalb County polling locations will follow the CDC's COVID-19 safety guidelines. Poll workers will be wearing masks and we encourage voters to wear masks. If you are feeling ill, we urge you to vote by absentee. Voters will also receive a disposable stylus to reduce the need to touch the machines by hand. Note, long lines may form as a result of social distancing. The length of the line may not indicate how long it will take to cast your vote.

For your safety and the safety of others, we ask that you wear a mask and maintain social distancing. If you are feeling unwell, we encourage you to vote absentee by mail or drop box.

As of 10/12/20 at 3 p.m.

