



La Plata County
Colorado

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June 28, 2022 Primary Election Frequently Asked Questions

As a registered voter, what do I have to do?

Your registration must be correct in order for you to receive a mail ballot. You may verify or update your registration the following ways:

- Online at www.govotecolorado.gov
- Download an application at www.laplatacountyclerk.org & mail to 679 Turner Dr., Ste C, Durango, CO 81303 or email completed form to elections@co.laplata.co.us.
- Visit the La Plata County Clerk & Recorder’s office at 679 Turner Dr, Ste C, Durango to complete an application.

PLEASE NOTE: Participation in the 2022 Primary Election will not affect your eligibility to vote in the 2022 General Election.

Where can I drop off my ballot or vote in person?

Voter Service and Polling Centers/Mail Ballot Drop Off Locations			
County Clerk & Recorder 679 Turner Dr., Ste C, Durango	Monday - Friday	June 20 - 24	8am - 4pm
	Saturday	June 25	8am - Noon
	Monday	June 27	8am - 4pm
	Tuesday	June 28	7am - 7pm
Bayfield Town Hall 1199 Bayfield Parkway, Bayfield	Monday	June 27	9am - 5pm
	Tuesday	June 28	7am - 7pm
La Plata County Fairgrounds 2500 Main Ave., Durango	Monday	June 27	9am - 5pm
	Tuesday	June 28	7am - 7pm
Mail Ballot Drop Off Locations			
County Clerk & Recorder – Drive thru 679 Turner Dr., Ste C, Durango	June 6 – June 28		24 Hour Drop Box
La Plata County Administration Building 1101 E 2 nd Ave., Durango	June 6 – June 28		24 Hour Drop Box
La Plata County Fairgrounds 2500 Main Ave., Durango	June 6 – June 28		24 Hour Drop Box
Fort Lewis Community Concert Hall 1000 Rim Dr., Durango	June 6 – June 28		24 Hour Drop Box
Bayfield Town Hall 1199 Bayfield Parkway, Bayfield	June 6 – June 28		24 Hour Drop Box
Farmers Fresh Market 535 Goddard Ave, Ignacio	June 6 – June 28		24 Hour Drop Box

Are you affiliated with the Democratic or Republican Party?

Yes, then a mail ballot packet will automatically be sent to you. If you are registered with a political party the last day to change or withdraw an affiliation is June 6.

Are you an unaffiliated voter?

Yes, then a mail ballot packet containing a Democratic and Republican Party ballot will automatically be sent to you. You may only vote **one** of the party ballots. **Do not return both ballots.** Your party affiliation will remain as unaffiliated.

When are the ballots mailed to the voters?

Ballots will be mailed the week of June 6th.

What if my ballot doesn't come?

If you have not received your ballot within a week after they are mailed, call the County Clerk's office at 970-382-6296. They will check that your voter registration is current. If it is, they will mail you a replacement ballot.

What if I have moved and have not updated my registration?

You may submit a paper voter registration to the County Clerk's office or update your registration online at www.govotecolorado.gov until June 20 to receive a ballot by mail or go to a Voter Service and Polling Center to update your registration and obtain a ballot through Election Day.

I will be out of town when the ballots are mailed. How do I get a ballot?

Ballots are available on May 16 in the County Clerk's office or you may complete a [Voter Registration Application](#) to have the ballot mailed to you at the out of area location.

What if I do not vote on all the candidates?

If you do not vote on all the candidates your ballot will still be counted for all voted races.

What if I make a mistake, damage or lose my ballot?

You may call the County Clerk's office and request a replacement ballot. One will be mailed to you provided the request is received no later than June 20. Otherwise, you may request a replacement ballot in person at a Voter Service and Polling Center location until 7:00pm on Election Day, June 28.

Your ballot has been cast as soon as you deposit it in the mailbox or at a drop site. After that, you cannot receive a replacement ballot.

Do I have to return my ballot by mail?

No, you have the choice of mailing your ballot or returning it to any designated ballot drop site or voter service and polling center location.

How much postage is required to mail my ballot back?

Your voted ballot can be returned with a standard first class stamp. If you return the ballot to any designated ballot drop site or voter service and polling center location no postage is necessary.

Can I mail multiple ballots in one return envelope?

No, only one ballot may be returned per signature envelope.

When must the voted ballot be returned?

The voted ballot must be *received* in any La Plata County designated dropsite location by 7:00 p.m. on election night. **POSTMARKS DO NOT COUNT.**

How do I know you received my ballot?

To verify that your ballot was received by the County Clerk's Office, please call 970-382-6296 or visit www.GoVoteColorado.gov.

What if I did not sign my return envelope?

The County Clerk's office will contact you in writing to have you come into the office to sign your envelope. You have until July 6 to sign your ballot in order for your vote to be counted.

Can I sign someone else's ballot?

No one can sign the return envelope on behalf of another voter, even if there is a power of attorney in place.

What if my signature has changed?

Complete a new voter registration form and submit it to the County Clerk's Office.

Are ADA accessible voting machines available?

Yes, ADA accessible voting machines are available for use at all Voter Service and Polling Centers.

Can the public watch the election process?

Yes, all steps of the process are open to observation by the public.

Can anyone find out how I've voted once I mail my ballot?

No, all ballots are separated from the return envelope before the ballots are inspected. This process ensures confidentiality.

When will election results be known?

No results can be announced until after 7:00 p.m. on election night.

Where may I obtain election results?

Election results are available online at www.laplatacountyclerk.org or in the County Clerk's office at 679 Turner Dr, Ste C.

What if I have more questions?

Call the La Plata County Clerk's office at 970-382-6296.

You may sign up to track your ballot at www.laplatavotes.com.

Acceptable Forms of Identification

All voters who vote at the polls must provide identification. If you are voting by mail for the first time, you may also need to provide a photocopy of your identification.

Please note, a Social Security number (or last four digits) is not a legal form of identification for voting in person. Additionally, if any form of identification listed below shows your address, that address must be in the state of Colorado to be valid.

The following are acceptable forms of identification:

- (a) A valid Colorado driver's license;
- (b) A valid identification card issued by the Department of Revenue in accordance with the requirements of Part 3 of Article 2 of Title 42, C.R.S.;
- (c) A valid U.S. passport;
- (d) A valid employee identification card with a photograph of the eligible elector issued by any branch, department, agency, or entity of the United States government or of this state, or by any county, municipality, board, authority, or other political subdivision of this state;
- (e) A valid pilot's license issued by the federal aviation administration or other authorized agency of the United States;
- (f) A valid U.S. military identification card with a photograph of the eligible elector;
- (g) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the elector. For example:
 - (I) A cable bill or telephone bill,
 - (II) Documentation from a public institution of higher education in Colorado containing at least the name, date of birth, and legal residence address of the student elector,
 - (III) A paycheck from a government institution or private company, or
 - (IV) A Certificate of Degree of Indian or Alaskan Native Blood.
- (h) A valid Medicare or Medicaid card issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (formerly the United States Health Care Financing Administration);
- (i) A certified copy of a U.S. birth certificate for the elector issued in the United States;
- (j) Certified documentation of naturalization;
- (k) A valid student identification card with a photograph of the eligible elector issued by an institute of higher education in Colorado, as defined in section 23-3.1-102(5), C.R.S.;
- (l) A valid veteran identification card issued by the United States department of veterans affairs veterans health administration with a photograph of the eligible elector.
- (m) A valid identification card issued by a federally recognized tribal government certifying tribal membership.
- (n) Verification that a voter is a person committed to the department of human services and confined and eligible to register and vote shall be considered sufficient identification of such person for the purposes of section 1-2-210.5, C.R.S.

Section 1-1-104(19.5), C.R.S.

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