

Email template (General)

Title:

Make Your Voice Heard! Be Voter Ready!

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Be Voter Ready for the November 6 election. A voting Iowan is an Iowan empowered to influence and create change in the government, and voting is as easy as registering to vote, preparing for Election Day, and casting your ballot.

Step 1: Register to vote. You can do this online, through the mail, or at the polls on Election Day.

Step 2: Prepare for election day by making a voting plan. Decide if you would like to request an absentee ballot or look up your polling place. Keep in mind, that for elections held in 2018, pre-registered voters are required to provide an approved form of identification OR sign an Oath of Identification at their polling place before receiving and casting a regular ballot.

Step 3: Cast your ballot. Iowans have three options for casting their ballot – absentee by mail, in-person absentee at your County Auditor's Office or a satellite voting location, or on Election Day at your assigned polling place. **No eligible voter will be turned away from the polls!**

If you are registered to vote in Iowa and do not have a valid Iowa driver's license or Iowa non-operator's ID, a Voter ID card will be sent to you free of charge. If you did not receive a card, or need a replacement card, contact your County Auditor as soon as possible.

For more tips on becoming Voter Ready, including advice for college students and absentee voters, visit our website at VoterReadyIowa.org or Facebook page.

Email Template (College Student)

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Make Your Voice Heard! Be Voter Ready!

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Voting is the most effective way to make your voice heard in your county, state and country.

Who can vote?

To vote in Iowa, you must be a U.S. citizen, a resident of Iowa, and at least 18 years old on Election Day. You cannot vote in Iowa if you have been convicted of a felony (unless your voting rights have been restored), have been judged mentally incompetent to vote by a court, or if you claim the right to vote in any other place.

What is my voting residence?

You should register to vote at the address you currently consider your home. For many students, this is likely a school address or a parent's house. If you moved to Iowa from another state and currently consider Iowa your home, you can vote here even if you pay out-of-state tuition or have a driver's license from another state.

When do I need to register by?

The voter registration deadline for the November 6 election is Saturday, October 27 at 5:00 p.m. Pre-registering will save you time when you go to vote. If your voter registration is current and active, you will only need to provide proof of identity or sign an Oath of Identification. You will not need to provide proof of residence.

How do I vote absentee?

In Iowa, any registered voter can choose to vote absentee by mail or in-person at their County Auditor's office or a satellite voting location. Absentee ballots become available October 8. Absentee ballot request forms must be received by Saturday, October 27 at 5:00 p.m.

What do I bring to the polls if I vote on Election Day?

In 2018, a voter who is pre-registered at their current address will be asked to provide an approved form of identification OR sign an oath of identity. If you need to register or update your registration, you will need to provide both proof of identity and residence.

For more tips on becoming Voter Ready, including advice for absentee voters and election day registrants, visit our website at VoterReadyIowa.org or visit our Facebook page.

Make sure your vote is counted and your voice is heard. Get Voter Ready!

Email Template (Absentee)

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Your Voice, Your Vote: Be Voter Ready

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Nothing is more American than your right to vote. Voting makes your voice heard in your county, state and country. It's what shapes our world.

You can vote by mail before Election Day

Any qualified voter can choose to vote absentee by mail or in-person in Iowa. To vote by mail, you must be registered to vote and have to request a ballot. Then you can mark the ballot and send it back by mail or drop it off.

How to get your vote-by-mail ballot

Request a ballot by filing out an application and returning it to your County Auditor. Absentee ballots will become available on Monday, October 8. Absentee ballot request forms must be received by Saturday, October 27 at 5:00 p.m.

How to return your vote-by-mail ballot

Mark your ballot, then follow the instructions included with your ballot to return it in the postage-paid return envelope.

You can:

Mail your ballot so that it is postmarked by Monday, November 5

-or-

Hand deliver your ballot during business hours any time up until the polls close on Election Day to your County Auditor

-or-

Surrender your absentee ballot at your precinct polling place on Election Day and vote a regular ballot

Taking the time to prepare now means making sure that your vote is counted, your voice is heard and Iowa is Voter Ready!

For more tips on becoming Voter Ready, including a tool that allows you to track your absentee ballot, visit our website at VoterReadyIowa.org or visit our Facebook page.