

## **Voting Changes for the Upcoming General Election**

**Election Day is Tuesday, November 2, 2021, but New Jersey is implementing Early Voting. Here is the information for Essex County:**

**Essex County Early Voting Sites.**

**In-person Early Voting locations will be open Saturday, October 23 through Sunday, October 31. Hours will be Monday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. and Sunday, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. No appointment is necessary.**

**The early in-person polling places in Essex County are:**

**Watsessing Park Community Center, Bloomfield Ave. & Conger Street, Bloomfield**

**Cedar Grove Park Community Center, 199 Fairview Avenue, Cedar Grove**

**East Orange City Hall, 44 City Hall Plaza, East Orange**

**Fairfield Community Building, 221 Hollywood Ave., Fairfield**

**New Education Center at South Mountain Recreation Complex, 560 Northfield Ave., West Orange**

**Essex County Complex Parking Garage, West Market Street Entrance, Newark**

**Cherry Blossom Welcome Center- Branch Brook Park, Park Ave. & Lake St., Newark**

**Weequahic Park Community Center-Meeker & Elizabeth Ave, Newark**

**West Side Park Community Center – 600 17th St, Newark.**

**Irvington Municipal Building, 1 Civic Square W., Irvington**

**If instead you are interested in voting by mail you must request a vote my mail application, unless you have previously specified all future elections by mail.**

**Allow enough time for the application to be requested and for you to then receive the ballot, complete it, and have the actual ballot postmarked by November 2, and received by clerk, no later than November 8. The completed mail in ballot can also be put into a drop box. The deadline for requesting the ballot is seven (7) days prior to the elections. Drop box locations to be determined. (But see November 1 on the calendar.) The applications are at**

**<https://www.state.nj.us/state/elections/vote-by-mail.shtml#applications>.**

## More Voting Information

If you voted in person in earlier elections this year than you know that Essex County has new voting machines. These require filling in a form at a partly open booth and then bringing the ballot to a scanning machine and inserting it, to be scanned. The purpose for this change is to have a paper backup for the ballot. You can request a privacy shield so that when you are scanning your vote, the poll worker cannot see your ballot. It will be the first general election using these new machines and so anticipate a slow voting process.

If you are voting in person on November 2, bring something to read and some patience. The registration deadline for the upcoming General Election is October 12, 2021. Be sure to re-register

- if you move
- if you change your name, or
- if you have finished a sentence of incarceration. Remember - people on parole or probation can register to vote!

Not sure if your registration is up to date?

Check your registration status to make sure it is active and your information is correct

**[Check Registration Status](#)**

If you need to register because of any of the above:

**[Register to Vote here](#)**

Poll workers are needed **[Apply to Be a Poll Worker](#)**.

The Division of Elections, within the New Jersey Department of State, is seeking New Jersey citizens to help in their community by serving as poll workers during the Early Voting period and on General Election Day. Citizens of all ages, including college and high school students who are at least 16 years old, are encouraged to apply.

Training is required and will be provided, as well as compensation for each shift.

Shifts will be available during Early Voting (Saturday, October 23 through Sunday, October 31), and on Election Day (Tuesday, November 2).