



# Craig Latimer Supervisor of Elections

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### Early Voting Starts Monday in Hillsborough County

Hillsborough, FL – Vote By Mail has been breaking records in Hillsborough County this election, but it's not the only option. For voters who prefer to vote in person, Early Voting begins Monday in Hillsborough County. In Hillsborough County, Early Voting is open for 14 days, from October 19 through November 1, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., including weekends. Hillsborough County voters can choose from any of 26 Early Voting locations to vote. This is different from Election Day, when voters must vote in the polling place assigned to their precinct. Each Early Voting location will also have a curbside, Vote By Mail drop-off tent for voters who want to turn in their Vote By Mail ballots in person.

"We are a large county and I want our voters to have plenty of options, so I've added extra sites and we will be open the maximum number of days and hours allowed by law," said Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections Craig Latimer. "In these uncertain times, I encourage voters to vote early if you can. If you get sick, or someone you care for gets sick, you may not be able to vote on Election Day."

Early Voting for the General Election includes two new sites, at Amalie Arena and Raymond James Stadium. The voting sites in those locations will be similar in size to other large Early Voting sites in the county, including the sites at several libraries and the University Area Community Center.

The elections office has taken extensive measures to ensure the health and safety of in-person voting, and has posted a video preview on the 2020 General Election page of their website. Only a limited number of people will be allowed inside to ensure social distancing, and surfaces will be cleaned throughout the day. Poll workers are required to wear masks at all times, and face shields or plexiglass barriers will provide additional protection. Supervisor Latimer asks that all voters wear masks and will have them available for voters, if needed. And, voters will get their own combination stylus/pen to sign in and mark their ballot.

"With ongoing cleaning and limited capacity, in-person voting will go a little slower, but once voters are inside the polling place, they should be able to move through quickly," said Supervisor Latimer.

Voters should bring a Florida Driver License or other acceptable photo and signature ID for voter check-in. If they forget their ID, they can vote a provisional ballot to be verified by the elections office. The full list of accepted IDs, along with a list of Early Voting locations, can be found on the Early Voting page of [VoteHillsborough.org](http://VoteHillsborough.org).

"The drive-up Vote By Mail drop-off tents are a contactless way for voters to cast their ballot in person, so I expect this option to be popular. We've sent out more than 405,000 Vote By Mail ballots and we want to see those voted ballots come back in," said Latimer.

Voters can still request a mail ballot online at [VoteHillsborough.org](http://VoteHillsborough.org) or by calling (813) 744-5900.

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[VoteHillsborough.org](http://VoteHillsborough.org)



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601 E. Kennedy Blvd., 16th Floor, Tampa, FL 33602

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2514 N. Falkenburg Rd., Tampa, FL 33619

See website for regional office locations.