The 2020 election may look and feel different, but your engagement is needed.

Be a prepared, participating, and patient voter.

Voters should look to their state and local election officials as the trusted sources for election information. Contact your election office directly or visit their websites and verified social media pages to ensure accurate election information and to minimize any potential for misinformation and disinformation. You may also visit the Election Assistance Commission (eac.gov) for trusted information and to find your state and local election officials (eac.gov/voters/election-day-contact-information).

Be prepared:
Your voting processes and voting locations may have changed.

Ahead of the election, prepare by:
- Registering to vote. Some states require you to register 30 days before election day. If you are already registered, ensure your information is up-to-date. Please visit vote.gov for more information on how to register in your state.

Know your plan for casting your vote. Understand your options, be it voting absentee, in-person early, or on election day:
- If you vote in person, don’t forget to bring eligible identification documentation, if required in your state, and double-check your polling location—it may have moved from the last election.
- If you vote by mail-in or absentee ballot, make sure to understand the requirements and ensure you return your ballot by the deadline. You may be allowed to return your mail-in or absentee ballot by hand (e.g., to a dropbox, election office, or voting location). In states where mail-in/absentee ballots must be requested, you should do that ASAP to allow sufficient time for the mail to be delivered and returned.

Participate:
The country is facing a shortage of election workers.

Please consider volunteering via helpamericavote.gov.

Elections are run locally by your neighbors. They could use your help to ensure a smooth election day for your community.

Be patient:
Results may be slower than what we are used to in past elections.

- Increased usage of mail-in and absentee ballots resulting from the public health emergency may lead to slower than usual results reporting in some states. Election officials perform due diligence and follow defined processes to verify election results.
- Verify your sources to ensure you are reading and sharing trusted information. Our adversaries may exploit post-election uncertainty through the spread of inaccurate information.
- Results you see via media outlets are unofficial. Election officials are responsible for finalizing election results.