

Voting safely in the 2020 Provincial Election

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Planning for a pandemic election

- Planning began in April 2020
- Consulted with the Office of the Provincial Health Officer and other election agencies in Canada
- Surveyed voters in May and August 2020
- Electoral processes have been adapted either administratively or through Order of the Chief Electoral Officer



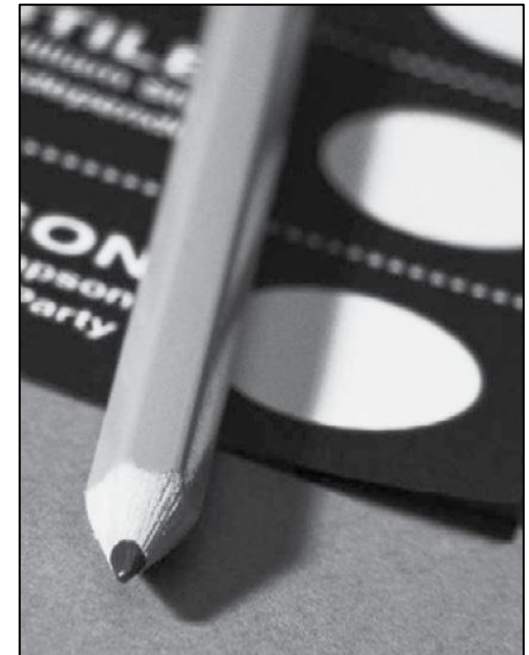
Voting safely in person

- Pandemic protocols for in-person voting:
 - Physical distancing
 - Capacity limits
 - PPE for election officials
 - Protective barriers
 - Hand sanitizing stations
 - Enhanced cleaning
- Modified voting procedures to maintain physical distancing and minimize contact intensity

In-person voting opportunities

- All voters can vote:

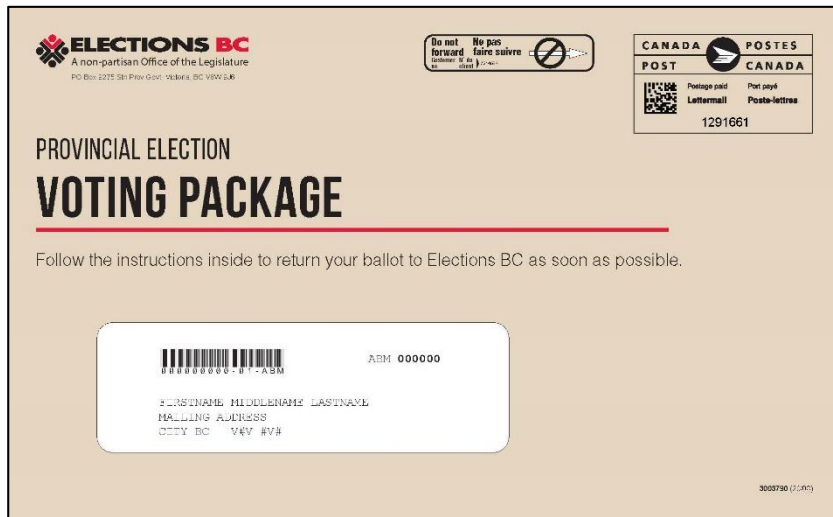
At any district electoral office	From when offices open until 4 p.m. on October 24
At advance voting	Thursday, Oct. 15 to Wednesday, Oct. 21, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (local time)
On election day	October 24, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Pacific time)
By mail	Completed packages must be received by 8 p.m. Pacific on October 24



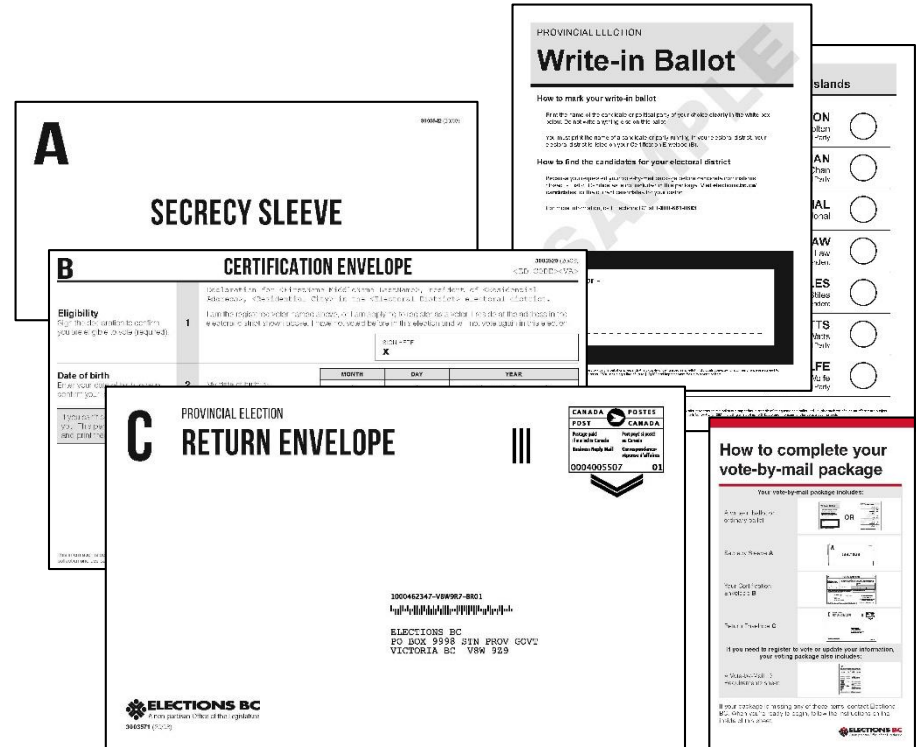
Voting by mail

- Voters must request a vote-by-mail package
 - Online at elections.bc.ca/ovr
 - By calling 1-800-661-8683
- Expecting a significant increase in vote-by-mail
 - Typically around 1% of ballots cast
 - Could be as high as 35% this election
- Completed packages must be **received** by Elections BC by 8 p.m. Pacific time on October 24, so voters should request and return their package as soon as possible.

Vote-by-mail package



This is what the vote-by-mail package will look like



Vote-by-mail package contents

Services for at-risk voters

- Vote-by-mail
- Assisted telephone voting
- Services for voters in care facilities and hospitals
- Outreach to First Nations communities, student groups, and agencies that provide services to homeless individuals