Emory Votes Initiative Launches New Website

To help the Emory community register and vote this fall, the Emory Votes Initiative (EVI) has launched a fresh website. On it you can sign up for help from TurboVote, an online platform that guides you to check your registration status and update if needed or register for the first time! If asked, TurboVote can mail you an absentee ballot request form, and it texts occasional reminders of important dates and polling places.

On the Path to the Polls page of the website, you can consider your voting options: by-mail voting, in-person early voting, or voting at your local precinct on Election Day. (EVI recommends voting as early as possible, whether by mail or early in person.) Also there, EVI suggests ways you can help others vote in this election, in particular by stepping up as a poll worker. Check out Opportunities for Engagement.

As for timeline, while Georgia’s registration deadline is October 5, EVI suggests aiming for September 22, National Voter Registration Day, to allow time for processing and mailings.

Once registered, you can request and track an absentee (mail-in) ballot through the Georgia Secretary of state’s My Voter Page or use TurboVote’s help. Requested ballots go out starting September 15. Follow directions carefully. Allow at least two weeks if returning it by mail. Ballots can also be dropped off at secure county drop boxes. Either way, to count, voted ballots must be received, not just postmarked, by 7 p.m. November 3.

Early in-person voting on Georgia’s new voting machines starts October 12. Consult your county for exact dates and locations.

Finally, the general election itself is Tuesday, November 3.

The Emory Votes Initiative is a nonpartisan effort developed by faculty, staff, and students to strengthen and centralize voting efforts on campus. One Emory, your vote, our future. #emoryvotes